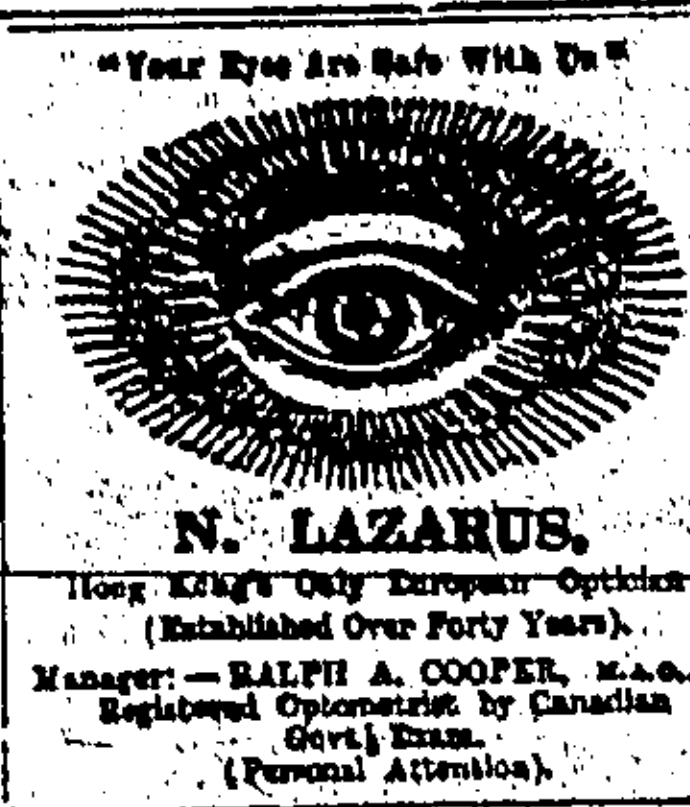


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Taipei Market Dep.	9.30	8.55	10.00	10.50	12.50	1.55	2.55	5.10	6.20
Fanning ...Dep.	9.45	9.10	10.15	11.05	1.10	2.10	3.10	5.25	6.35
Shatin ...Dep.	9.55	9.20	10.25	11.15	1.20	2.20	3.20	5.35	6.45
Yuenai ...Dep.	10.10	9.35	10.40	11.30	1.35	2.35	3.35	5.50	7.00
Kowloon ...Arr.	11.50	11.15	12.20	1.10	2.10	3.10	4.10	6.25	7.35

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Canton ...Dep.	7.15	8.05	10.35	11.05	11.37	2.58	4.41	5.49	6.54
Shatin ...Dep.	7.30	8.20	10.50	11.20	11.52	3.13	4.56	6.04	7.09
Fanning ...Dep.	7.45	8.35	11.05	11.35	12.07	3.28	5.11	6.19	7.24
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Yuenai ...Dep.	8.05	9.35	12.05	12.35	1.07	4.28	6.11	7.19	8.24
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In fact, Colonel H. Clay, C.B.E., the Chief Recruiting Officer, told me that the standard of physique is so high, the educational requirements so comprehensive and the inquiries into the moral character of the applicant so searching that out of each 100 men applying for enlistment the number finally approved is as low as 18.

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Having satisfied the examining officers on the score of physical and educational fitness, the recruits are "remanded to custody" to await verification of references. The "Naafi" feeds them, and there is a bar where they can buy additional creature comforts.

Beds are in separate cubicles—cheery, well-heated, and well-ventilated—and here in the comparative comfort of this building which, although not so good as their own homes, is to these embryo soldiers a not unreasonable substitute, they await the day when they are posted to all quarters of the country to become Gunners, gay Dragons or Killicks beyond the Tweed.

## "BOOTLEG" WHISKY IN RUSSIA.

STARTLING STORY OF ITS  
RAVAGES.

### REPRESSIVE MEASURES.

Moscow.  
"Despite the statistics of 17,600 stills in the first half of 1927 and an even greater number in the last months, Samogon—bootleg liquor—is going ahead in the villages, with an accompanying increase of arson, hooliganism, murder, and rape," Kjsilof, chief of the All-Russian Federal Police, told pressmen.

"In 1927 there were 24,543 convictions of hooliganism in cities and 78,762 in villages, all directly due to samogon. For the new drive which we are beginning to put down this evil, village executive committees will be empowered to impose a fine of 25 roubles, with a fortnight's forced labour; city executives, 100 roubles with one month.

"The population will be given a time limit to surrender stills and denounce their neighbours. The discovery of a single bottle will be sufficient to obtain a conviction."

### Celebrated in Whisky.

To what a degree Russian country life is now saturated by samogon is shown by the following facts:—

(1) In many regions, notably Tambov (the Black Earth grain belt), the police have been allowing peasants openly to brew this moonlight whisky for the religious festivals—Christmas, St. Nicholas, Easter, etc.—and for weddings, thus creating a privileged tax-dodging class, such as the French *bourgeois* do.

(2) According to statistics, St. E. Trotsky (no relation of the long-suffering Leo), Director of the Soviet Vodka Monopoly, at least 90,000,000 gallons of illicit spirits is being distilled annually from 700,000 tons of grain, worth 150,000,000 roubles.

## WOMAN DOCTOR'S SECRET.

### INQUEST REVEALATION.

A woman's secret was revealed at an inquest at Dartford, Kent, on Miss Myrtle Sadie Goldrich, aged 26, a medical practitioner, of Ottavio's-road, Hammersmith, who died in the Livingstone Hospital, Dartford. The Rev. Harris Price, of Fairhazel-gardens, Hampstead, who gave evidence of identification because Miss Goldrich's mother was too ill to appear, said he understood that the dead woman underwent an operation for appendicitis.

Dr. G. R. Ford, of Park-road, Dartford, said he first met Miss Goldrich a year ago. At the end of November she asked him to perform an operation. She came to the Livingstone Hospital on December 2, and next day he intended to operate, but from what he found he had the patient returned to her bed. It appeared that an unsuccessful attempt had been made previously at an operation.

Miss Goldrich totally denied being in the condition which he suspected, but owing to developments Mr. Courmes, of Wimpole-street, was called into consultation on December 10 and she gave him information which would account for her condition. Later another operation took place, but Miss Goldrich had lost so much strength that she died from exhaustion.

She had suffered from peritonitis set up, Dr. Ford believed, by the use of an instrument. He did not inform her relatives of the nature of the trouble as it would have been a breach of etiquette.

The Rev. Harris Price asked whether Miss Goldrich had dined with Dr. Ford at his house. Dr. Ford said she had done so on one occasion, and in reply to a question whether on the last occasion when she visited him she was taken ill, said "Most emphatically not."

Dr. Ford said he had no knowledge of Miss Goldrich's condition until the attempted operation, and in reply to a juror he said he felt sure that an instrument alleged by deceased to have been used by her upon herself set up the trouble and caused her death.

A verdict was returned of Death from Exhaustion following the self-inflicted injuries in an endeavour to bring about abortion.

## DIARY OF EVENTS.

Today.

Helena May Institute Bible Study Circle, 10.30 a.m.  
Golf: Ladies' Bogey Competition, Fanning.  
Chinese Chamber of Commerce Meeting, 2.30 p.m.  
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 5-6.30 p.m.  
Hockey: St. Michael's Final: Navy Army, U.S.R.C., 4.30 p.m.; Club "A" v. University "B", King's Park, 5 p.m.; Y.M.C.A., Panjabis III.  
"Cheer O" Y.M.C.A.: Concert and Dance, 7.30 p.m.  
St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club first annual dinner, Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 7.45 p.m.  
Cafe Regent dinner dance, 8 p.m.  
South China Command 1st Annual Boxing Tournament, R.A.S.C. Parade Ground, Whitefield Barracks (second night), 8 p.m.  
Queen's Theatre: "The Magic Flame."

World Theatre: "Yolanda."  
Star Theatre: "Tin Gods."  
The Banvard Musical Comedy Company present "Mercenary Mary" Star Theatre, 9.15 p.m.  
Principal Malls: Inward: Europe via Suez (Kashmir); Europe via Siberia (Kashmir). Outward: Europe via Siberia (Kashmir), 5 p.m.

Saturday.  
Golf: Bogey Pool, Fanning.  
H.K. Jockey Club Annual Race Meeting (fourth day, gymkhana).  
Yachting, 2.45 p.m.  
Kowloon Bowling Green Club Closing Day and Distribution of Prizes, 3 p.m.

Cricketer League:—Division I: Civil Service C.C. v. Kowloon C.C.; Royal Navy v. Royal Artillery. Division II: Club de Recreio v. University 2nd XI; Civil Service C.C. XI v. Kowloon C.C. 2nd XI; H.K. Jockey Club v. H.K. C.C. 2nd XI; Kowloon 2nd XI v. Police; I.R.C. "B" v. Royal Navy.

Football:—H.K.F.A. Shield:—Seniors: Club v. Chinese Athletic or K.O.S.B.; Recreio or Police v. Queen's Regt.; Kowloon v. R.A.F.; Scots Guards v. R.A. or South China "A" (Kick-off at 4.15 p.m. on ground of 1st named). Juniors: Kowloon v. Scots Guards; K.F.C. ground: Chinese Athletic v. South China; Club ground: K.O.S.B. v. Recreio; Sooknapoo: Queen's Regt. v. St. Joseph's, Chatham Road.

Ordinary meeting of the Bank or East Asia, 10, Des Voeux Road, 3.30 p.m.  
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 5-6.30 p.m.  
Cafe Regent and King Edward Hotel dinner dances, 8 p.m.  
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Star Theatre: "Tin Gods."  
The Banvard Musical Comedy Company present "Queen High" Star Theatre, 9.15 p.m.  
Principal Malls: Inward: Europe via Marseilles, etc. (Kashmir), 10.30 a.m.; Europe via Siberia (Shantung), 3.30 p.m.

Sunday.  
Quinquagesima.  
Golf: Bogey Pool, Fanning.  
Dress Rehearsal for Miss Violet Capell and her pupils annual dancing display, Queen's Theatre, 10.20 a.m.

Fanning Hunt: Paper Hunt, meet at Sheung Shui Police Station, 11.00 a.m.  
Yachting: 8th Championship Race for Cruisers.  
Theological Society Lecture, Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 6 p.m.  
Queen's Theatre: "Topsy and Eva."

The Banvard Musical Comedy Company present "Review of Revues" Star Theatre, 9.15 p.m.  
Principal Malls: Inward: Canada, U.S.A., etc. (President Toft).

Monday.  
Rain Water (Yu-Shui).  
Golf: Captain's Cup (Ladies) semi-final: South China Command Golf Meeting.  
Entries close for H.K. Jockey Club 1st Extra Race Meeting, noon.  
Entries close for Fanning Hunt Spring Steeplechase Meeting, noon.  
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 5-6.30 p.m.

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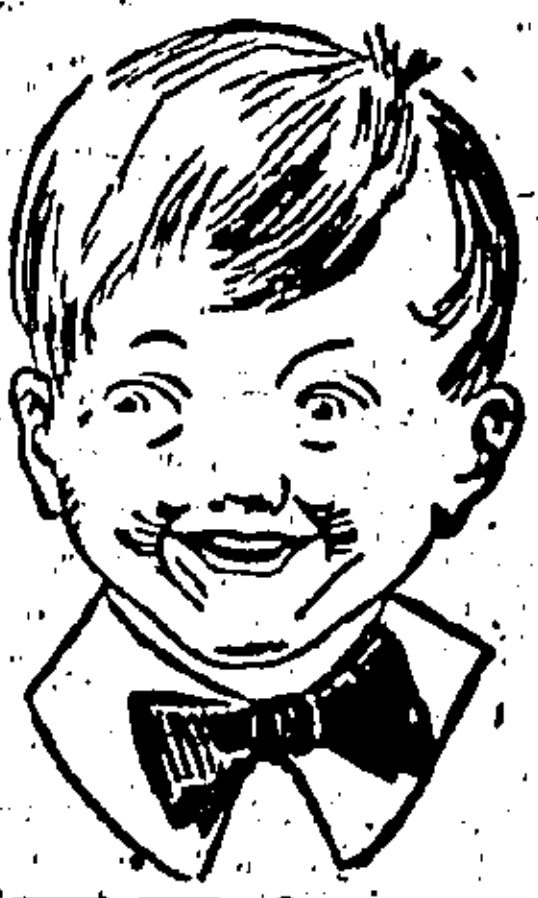
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## OLD TIME MUSIC HALL FAVOURITE.

DEATH OF MR. J. W.  
WILSON.

MANY UPS AND DOWNS OF  
OF VARIED LIFE.

Behind the death of Mr. J. W. Wilson in Fulham Hospital lies the story of a once rich and well-known music-hall artist who has died a poor man.

Jack Wilson, who with his partner, Miss Nellie Waring, was a "top-line" variety turn 15 years ago in Great Britain, America, Australia, and South Africa, made and lost three fortunes.

An inveterate gambler, he calculated that he lost during his career £50,000 on horse-racing and plunges on the Stock Exchange.

While still in his twenties he had made nearly £10,000 in theatrical earnings and lucky investments, but all of it went in a reckless gamble in real estate at Seattle.

It was 20 years ago when he first appeared in London, and before the war he and his partner, Miss Waring, had the remarkable experience of playing in the Palace Theatre, then a variety house, for 63 consecutive weeks.

In 1912 he appeared at the same theatre at the Royal Command performance before the King and Queen in company with a great company of "stars," including Cinguelli, Chingwin, Alfred Lester, and others since dead.

For many years he earned £60 to £100 a week in England, playing at the Old Tivoli, the Oxford, the Pavilion, and other famous halls, and in America he was paid as much as £200 a week.

In West End Play.

It was towards the end of the war, when a new type of variety act became the vogue, that Wilson and Waring dropped out of the music-hall business, and of late years he appeared in small parts in straight plays, his last "West End part" being in "Growing Pains," with Tom Douglas, at the Ambassadors, two years ago.

Recently he had been playing in the provinces with W. T. Ellwanger in "So This is London."

Wilson, whose real name was Mjante, was the son of one of the pioneers in the gold mine to California in 1849.

He was born at Salter Creek, in California, close to where the first gold was found, and this led to his being called in the American music-hall profession "The Original Nugget" and "The Son of the Golden West."

As a boy he ran away from home and joined a travelling circus, but his first success came when he and a partner named Cameron staged a music-hall cross-talk in London.

While still in their "terms" they starred in "Little Christopher Columbus" in New York with May Yoke, afterwards Lady Frances Hope.

He was a fine raconteur, and was fond of telling how he once played poker with King Kalakala in Hawaii.

The Fourth King.

He held three aces, and the King declared four Kings. When he showed his hand, however, the loyal player only revealed three Kings.

"But where is the fourth?" asked Wilson.

"I am the fourth," said the King, and scooped up the pool. Wilson was 97 years of age, and a close personal friend for many years of Joe Coyne, R. G. Knowles, Eugene Stratton, and Dave Warfield.

When it was found that he was not likely to recover from his illness his old stage partner, Miss Nellie Waring, was sent for and sat by his bedside for 14 hours until he passed away.

GERMAN-MADE WHISKY.

SCOTTISH FIRMS' BOTTLES  
AND LABELS COPIED.

Faked Scotch whisky is sold abroad in increasing quantities, particularly in Germany, where there is a heavy duty on the imported spirit.

Distilleries in Scotland possess unwelcome reminders of the bogus trade in the form of bottles stamped and labelled in imitation of their own. The word Scotch appears in big type, but the real nature of the contents—when given—is printed in small type.

The foreign-made Scotch is made sometimes of rye, or maize alcohol, and occasionally there is a modicum of the genuine whisky included.

The practice requires an expensive and troublesome procedure to stop it, said an authority to a reporter.

A flagrant example in Holland resulted in the Scotch distillery affected taking action.

Through the Board of Trade and the Foreign Office the Dutch authorities were approached, and the offender was brought to trial and severely punished.

## HONG KONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS.

[ORDERS BY LT.-COL. L. G. BIRD, D.S.O.,  
COMMANDANT.]

No. 317.

The Artillery Company will in future be known as "The Battery."

A Committee Meeting of the Corps Rifle Club will be held at Corps Headquarters at 5.45 p.m. on Monday, February 20th, 1928. All available Officers and unit representatives are to attend.

Lance-Sergeant F. C. Goodman is appointed of the Corps Rifle Club.

The Garrison Rifle Meeting will take place on April 17th, 18th, and 19th, 1928. Two matches are open to Volunteers will those interested apply to the Adjutant for details.

Conference of Corps Headquarters on Monday, February 27th, at 5.30 p.m. on the Skitpatrick Scheme for 1928, all available officers to attend, all ranks interested in reconnaissance work are invited to attend.

6.—Musketry.

The Infantry Company will fire Part I Table "T" at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, February 19th, 1928.

Range Officer: Lieut. A. H. Penn. Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Dress: Uniform or multi optional, but rifle, bayonet, pouches, braces and belt must be worn.

Arms will be drawn from Corps Headquarters to-day, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 8 p.m.; and on Saturday, February 18th, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

7.—The Battery.

Owing to the parade ground not being available on Thursday, February 23rd, there will be no parade that night. Next parade will be at Corps Headquarters on Thursday, March 1st, at 5.25 p.m.

Annual Dinner will be held at Volunteer Headquarters on Friday, February 24th, at 7.45 p.m.

8.—Corps Signals.

Owing to the parade ground not being available on Thursday, February 23rd, there will be no parade that night, but parade will be held at Corps Headquarters on Friday, February 24th, at 5.30 p.m. for Signal Instruction. Dress: Multi.

9.—Armoured Car Company.

Machine-Gunners will parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, February 20th, for Machine Gun Instruction. Dress: Multi.

Section will parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, February 20th, under 2/Lieut. A. G. Groves.

Motor Cycle Section: Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, February 20th, under Lieut. Hancock.

Sunday, February 19th, 1928: There will be a tactical ride in the New Territories.

Parade at Kowloon Railway Station at 10.30 a.m. Dress: Tunic, breeches, puttees, belt and helmet.

10.—Infantry Company.

Musketry Part I Table "T." See Order No. 5.

No. 1 Platoon: Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 21st, and Friday, 24th February, for M.G. Training. Dress: Multi.

No. 2 Platoon: Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 21st, for M.G. Training. Dress: Belt, rifle and bayonet.

11.—Scottish Company.

ROUTE MARCH.

Thursday, February 23rd: All Platoons will parade at full strength at Kowloon Ferry at 5.30 p.m. for Route March to Kowloon Dock where No. 6 Platoon have kindly consented to be "At Home" to Nos. 5 and 7 Platoons.

Pipes and Drums will parade as above.

Dress: Glengarry, khaki tunic, kilt, sporran, diced hose, flashes and spats, rifle, bayonet, belt and frog. Medal ribbons to be worn.

COMING EVENTS.

Reference para. 7 Corps Order No. 318 of last week, the shoot against 2nd Battalion, K.O.S.B., has now been arranged for Sunday, February 20th, not Sunday, March 4th, as hitherto stated.

Sunday, February 26th, 1928: Shoot against 2nd Bn., K.O.S.B., and 2nd Bn., Scots Guards.

Musketry, March 4th, 1928: Part I. Musketry at Stonecutters.

Sunday, April 1st, 1928: Inter-Platoon shoot for "Dyer" Cup.

"Quarry Bay" Cup for Inter-Platoon efficiency—Drill—Guard—Mounting, etc., will be competed for in April after the Easter Holidays.

12.—Portuguese Company.

Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Friday, February 17th, Drill and Miniature Range. Dress: Multi, belt, sling, rifle and bayonet.

Next Company parade on Friday, February 24th.

N.C.O.'s and Nos. 1 and 2 of Lewis Gun Sections will parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 21st, for Lewis Gun Instruction. Dress: Multi.

13.—Reserve Company.

The Machine-Gun Class will be held at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 22nd. Dress: Multi.

(Continued on next Column.)

## GOVERNOR OF SINGAPORE AT BANGKOK.

IMPOSING RECEPTION.

DINES WITH THE KING OF SIAM.

BANGKOK, Feb. 7th.

Sir Hugh Clifford and party arrived at Bangkok yesterday afternoon, having left Hua Hin by special at 10.40 a.m.

The train did not draw into the ordinary station, but pulled up at the King's private station where the Governor was received by His Serene Highness Prince Amornrat, Chief Aide-de-Camp General to the King, the Chief of Protocol of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and representatives of the Ministry of the Interior, the Ministry of Communications, the acting Commissioner General of Railways, Mr. S. P. Waterlow, British Minister, Mr. Waterlow and Mr. J. J. Johns, British Consul-General.

As His Excellency stepped out of the train a Military band played the British National Anthem and the Governor was received by guard of honour, which he inspected.

The Governor then proceeded to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and was later received at the Palace placed at his disposal during his stay by the Grand Marshal of the Court.

Afterwards the Minister for Foreign Affairs paid a return call. This morning there will be a Royal audience and in the evening the Governor and his party will dine with the King.—Straits Times.

CHILDREN IN DOCK.

YOUNG ROBBERS AT SINGAPORE ASSIZES.

SINGAPORE, Feb. 8th.

Three Chinese children, whose ages ranged from 11 to 14 years, appeared in a most extraordinary case of armed robbery, before the Chief Justice (Sir William J. Wilson), in the Assize Court, this morning.

The Deputy Public Prosecutor (Mr. N. H. P. Whitley), in opening said that the case was most extraordinary, on account of the ages of the accused which ranged from 11 to 14 years.

A young vegetable seller was held up by the accused on Slat Road on November 26th. The third accused was armed with a knife with which he threatened the hawker. The hawker ran away and was chased by the accused, who, however, in turn were chased by passers-by and later were arrested.

All three accused were sentenced to ten strokes of the rattan and detention in a reformatory for five years, or until they attained the age of 18 years.

NELSON CHAIR FOR THE "VICTORY."

RELIC OF TRAFALGAR RETURNED.

A chair that stood in Nelson's stateroom of the Victory at the battle of Trafalgar is now been restored to its former place of honour.

After the death of Nelson, Admiral Gambier came into possession of his stateroom. When he retired the admiral took with him all the furniture that had been in the ship at the time of the battle, and placed it in his home at Uxbridge.

Admiral Gambier died, and his home was sold by auction. The auctioneer noted the Victory chairs and told a friend that if he bid a certain sum they would be his. The friend bought the chairs, and they remained in his family for years.

His grandson, Mr. Charles M. R. Bulbi, said to a Daily Express representative, "My mother, who now owns the chair, saw an appeal stating that the furniture of Nelson's stateroom was wanted, and she communicated with the Admiralty. She has now lent one of the chairs to the Admiralty, and it is in the stateroom of the Victory."

14.—Strength.

The following recruit is taken on the strength on February 9th, 1928, and posted to No. 7 Platoon (Scottish Company):—No. 1300 Pte. R. J. D. Grieco.

15.—Leave.

The following are granted leave of absence from the Corps:—

Major H. E. Standage, O.B.E., from March 1st, 1928, to February 18th, 1928.

No. 1061 Pte. F. P. Franklin, A.C. Co., from February 1st to October 31st, 1928.

No. 1072 Pte. J. R. Hinton, No. 1 Platoon, from March 1st, 1928, to February 28th, 1928.

No. 824 Pte. W. G. L. Dunbar, No. 7 Platoon, from February 18th, 1928, to January 17th, 1929.

16.—Resignations.

Having left the Colony:—

No. 755 Pte. K. A. Mason, No. 1 Platoon, as from February 7th, 1928.

No. 583 Pte. W. Ironside, Reserve Company, as from February 4th, 1928.

No. 68 Pte. N. V. A. Croucher, Reserve Company, as from February 4th, 1928, on ill health.

R. A. Waterhouse, Major, Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C.

Hong Kong, February 17th, 1928.

## STAR THEATRE

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## HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

FEBRUARY 16th, 1928.

B.K. Bank	1,952 1/2 buy.
Do.	1,952 1/2 nom.
Chartered Bank	231 1/2 buy.
Do.	231 1/2 nom.
Commercial Bank	231 1/2 buy.
Do.	231 1/2 nom.
P. & O. Bank	231 1/2 buy.
Do.	231 1/2 nom.
East Asia Bank	231 1/2 buy.
Do.	231 1/2 nom.
Union Insurance	231 1/2 buy.
Do.	231 1/2 nom.
North China Ins.	231 1/2 buy.
Do.	231 1/2 nom.
Yankee Insurance	231 1/2 buy.
Do.	231 1/2 nom.
China Underwriters	231 1/2 buy.
Do.	231 1/2 nom.
China Fire Insurance	231 1/2 buy.
Do.	231 1/2 nom.
Hong Kong Fire Ins.	231 1/2 buy.
Do.	231 1/2 nom.
Douglases	231 1/2 buy.
Do.	231 1/2 nom.
H.K. Steamboats	231 1/2 buy.
Do.	231 1/2 nom.
Indo-China (Ref.)	231 1/2 buy.
Do.	231 1/2 nom.
Shell Transport	231 1/2 buy.
Do.	231 1/2 nom.
Waterworks	231 1/2 buy.
Do.	231 1/2 nom.
Benguet	231 1/2 buy.
Do.	231 1/2 nom.
Kailash Mining Ad.	231 1/2 buy.
Do.	231 1/2 nom.
Langkai (combined)	231 1/2 buy.
Do.	231 1/2 nom.
S'fat. (single)	231 1/2 buy.
Do.	231 1/2 nom.
Shanghai Loans	231 1/2 buy.
Do.	231 1/2 nom.
Shanghai Loans	231 1/2 buy.
Do.	231 1/2 nom.
Tongah Mines	231 1/2 buy.
Do.	231 1/2 nom.
H.K. & K. Wharfs	231 1/2 buy.
Do.	231 1/2 nom.
H.K. & W. Docks	231 1/2 buy.
Do.	231 1/2 nom.
China Providents	231 1/2 buy.
Do.	231 1/2 nom.

Hongkong	115 1/2 buy.
New Engineering	115 1/2 buy.
Shanghai Docks	115 1/2 buy.
Ewo Cottons	115 1/2 buy.
Oriental	115 1/2 buy.
Shanghai Cottons (old)	115 1/2 buy.
Do.	115 1/2 nom.
H.K. & S. Hotels	115 1/2 buy.
Do.	115 1/2 nom.
E.K. Lands	115 1/2 buy.
Shanghai Lands	115 1/2 buy.
Humphreys Estate	115 1/2 buy.
Hong Kong Realities	115 1/2 buy.
E.K. Territorials	115 1/2 buy.
H.K. Tramways	115 1/2 buy.
Peak Tram (old)	115 1/2 buy.
Do.	115 1/2 nom.
Star Ferries	115 1/2 buy.
China Light	115 1/2 buy.
Do.	115 1/2 nom.
Do.	115 1/2 nom.
H.K. Electric	115 1/2 buy.
Macao Electric	115 1/2 buy.
Telephone	115 1/2 buy.
China Buses	115 1/2 buy.
China Tramways	115 1/2 buy.
China Sugar	115 1/2 buy.
Malacca Sugar	115 1/2 buy.
Canton Ice	115 1/2 buy.
Cements (combined)	115 1/2 buy.
Do.	115 1/2 nom.
Do.	115 1/2 nom.
H.K. Buses	115 1/2 buy.
Do.	115 1/2 nom.
United Arabtee	115 1/2 buy.
Dairy Farms	115 1/2 buy.
Watsons	115 1/2 buy.
De A Wings	115 1/2 buy.
Lans Crawfords	115 1/2 buy.
Knacktoons	115 1/2 buy.
Singapore	115 1/2 buy.
H.K. Amusement	115 1/2 buy.
H.K. Constructions	115 1/2 buy.
Sque. Indus. G.S. Bonds	115 1/2 buy.
H.K. Govt. Loans	115 1/2 buy.



# WOMAN CURED AFTER 25 YEARS SUFFERING BY POO ON CHINESE HERBS.

FIVE IN ONE FAMILY RESTORED TO HEALTH.

Mrs. F. Meinhardt, who resided at 15 H Street, Modesto, California, U.S.A. gives the following testimonial about herself and her family how the Poo On Chinese Herbs have done wonders for them. The following testimonial was published in a Modesto Newspaper on January 25th, 1924.

Mrs. Meinhardt says: "I owe everything to Poo On Chinese Herbs. I owe my happiness and health of today and I believe my very existence to these herbs. For 25 long years I suffered with severe pains in my left side that at times confined me to bed for days. I was unable to do my work or able to move about. Along with these came dropsy and stomach trouble. Due to my stomach trouble I was unable to eat very much without causing gas, pain and distress. Words cannot express my suffering during these years. I am not exaggerating a bit when I say that my husband spent thousands and thousands of dollars seeking relief from the doctors. He has been to scores of doctors, many of whom were rated as specialists of high standing, but none were able to tell me what was the trouble and to my discouragement none were able to relieve or bring health to me. Almost every time I went to a doctor I was advised to have my side operated upon or a change of climate for my dropsy and stomach trouble. Fortunately I was never operated upon, but my family and I have spent years seeking a climate that would help me. We left our home at Kansas and have travelled to Alabama, Oregon, and California and have consulted many specialists of these States, but without avail. I have never gotten any better during these years of travelling and doctoring, but became worse and more discouraged as everything failed. Thinking a dry climate might help, we decided to try San Joaquin Valley and came to Modesto to reside. It was here after a time that I heard of the great benefit of Poo On Chinese Herbs and the great cures accredited to them. At first I was sceptical and doubtful and thought that they were another panacea. But I decided to go, thinking in my distress that there was a possible chance left. At the time I went, I weighed 125 lbs. and today I weigh 175 lbs. I must say that the result of taking Poo On Chinese Herbs must have been miraculous to me. After taking the herbs I was first entirely cured of dropsy and stomach trouble and, after more treatment, the pain in my side left and has never returned. I have never felt better in my life than I do to-day and I owe nothing but thanks and gratitude towards Poo On Chinese Herbs and the Herbalist.

After years of suffering and after the enormous expense of travelling and the endless doctors bills there is nothing that I can do but speak good for Poo On Chinese Herbs and heartily recommend them. Four other members of my family have also been cured by the Poo On Chinese Herbs.

On Chinese herbs, which caused me to endure them more strongly. My husband was suffering from a sore on his lip that was painful and troublesome, and knowing that he was a heavy smoker, we believed that it was turning to smoking cancer. He consulted the Herbalist and was given some Poo On remedies for the trouble and he was entirely cured and the sore has gone.

My boy Edward, aged 17, was troubled with a pain in his side which caused suffering and collapse when he did hard work. We had to see that he was exempted from High School exercises because they caused him to drop out on account of the distress that it caused. The doctor said that he had appendicitis and that it would be necessary to operate, if he expected to be well again. We decided to try Poo On Chinese herbs and after a few treatments the boy became well and is now able to do all kinds of hard work without any pain and distress.

Another one of my boys, Fred, aged 21, had suffered many years with catarrh and became worse as time went on. He tried many treatments and so-called remedies, without result but we can say that after taking some Poo On Chinese herbs for a short time he was completely cured and has never been troubled since.

My daughter, Blanch, a few years ago fell and hurt her side very severely and since that time she was troubled with pain in her side and was unable to find anyone or anything that would help her. The poor girl suffered so much she had to quit work. A few treatments with Poo On Chinese herbs and the girl has been feeling normal ever since.

My whole family cannot express in words its gratitude towards Poo On Chinese Herbs. They have brought health and happiness into our home, and have stopped the seemingly endless doctors' bills. We all heartily recommend Poo On Chinese Herbs and have sent many friends to the Herbalist and in every case they have been benefited by Poo On Chinese Herbs.

(During this interview regarding this story taken by a special representative of the newspaper, Mr. F. Meinhardt, Sr., was present and says: "We are glad to tell anyone what Poo On Chinese Herbs have done for my family.")

Thousands suffering from catarrh, bronchial trouble, throat trouble, asthma, hay fever, malaria, stomach trouble, indigestion, constipation, gastritis, piles, fistula, heart disease, skin disease, eczema, scrofula, nervousness, insomnia, obesity, kidney and bladder trouble, diabetes, rheumatism, neuralgia, dropsy, pyorrhea, epileptic fits, paralysis, tumors, ulcers, pimples, dizziness, headaches, and many other chronic diseases, have been restored to health and happiness without poisonous drugs or the knife, by the Poo On Chinese Herbs.

The above testimonials are only a few of many thousands.

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## SATISFACTORY.

STAR FERRY EARNINGS INCREASE.

COMPANY'S ANNUAL MEETING YESTERDAY.

A very satisfactory state of affairs was reported at the 20th ordinary annual meeting of the "Star" Ferry Company, Ltd., held at the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., yesterday, at 12.30 p.m.

The Chairman said that the report (which has already been published in these columns) showed an increase over the previous years in gross earnings of \$38,310.40 and in net profit of \$70,774.04.

A resolution was passed increasing the annual remuneration to the Directors from \$1,000 to \$2,000.

The Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard (Chairman) presided, and he was supported by Mr. A. H. Compton, Mr. T. G. Weall and Mr. C. Gordon Mackie (Directors), Mr. F. H. Crappell (Secretary), and the following shareholders:—Messrs. J. T. Bagram, Frank Austin, J. M. Alves, W. S. Bailey, C. M. Manera, C. F. Terry, A. H. M. da Silva, J. Hyde, D. Mackenzie, C. F. Lee and R. V. Harris.

### Chairman's Speech.

Addressing the meeting, the Chairman said:—

The year under review shows an increase over the previous year in gross earnings from traffic of \$70,774.04, which I trust you will consider satisfactory. After transferring \$50,000 to reserve, \$20,000 to accident fund and \$1,484.86 to special repairs fund, there remains a balance of \$32,293.18, which includes \$21,225.71 brought forward from last account. It is proposed to pay a dividend of \$2 per share and a bonus of \$1.50 per share, amounting to \$22,000, and carry forward \$14,293.18 to the special repairs fund.

The \$1,484.86 placed to the special repairs fund is the amount required to balance the expenditure on repairs to Ice House Street Pier; as these are now complete, this account is closed. The total cost of the work on the Pier amounted to \$103,060.08, of which \$28,124 has been dealt with as capital expenditure.

Three of the older vessels were sold during the year at a profit of \$21,000 over their book values.

We now have four of the modern boats and two old ones. Another new one is being constructed and will be put into service in May next. A wider gangway is being tried in this new boat to enable passengers to get on and off more quickly. If it is a success the question of altering the others will be considered.

Careful comparisons have been made of the cost of oil, which some of the launches have been burning with coal, and as the latter has worked out cheaper all the boats have been put on coal.

The repairs and alterations to Ice House Street Pier, which I referred to at our last meeting, have been completed and I think it will be generally agreed that the new arrangements are a great improvement.

You will observe in the notice convening this meeting reference is made to the resolution passed by shareholders present at our last meeting, to increase the directors' remuneration from \$1,000 to \$2,000 per annum. The matter was referred to the Company's Solicitors, who advised that as the proposal constituted "special business," shareholders should receive notice of the resolution. This has now been done and requires confirmation.

I now beg to propose that the report and accounts as presented be adopted. When this has been seconded, I shall be pleased to answer any questions to the best of my ability which shareholders may desire to ask.

The report and accounts were seconded by Mr. A. H. Compton and duly passed.

### Increase To Directors.

On the proposition of Mr. J. M. Alves, seconded by Mr. W. S. Bailey, the following resolution was passed:—"That payment be made to the Directors of the yearly sum of \$1,000 as an annual bonus, in addition to the yearly remuneration of \$1,000, payable to them under the Company's Articles of Association, as from January 1st, 1928."

### Other Business.

On the proposition of Mr. J. T. Bagram, seconded by Mr. C. M. Manera, the appointment of Mr. T. G. Weall, Mr. A. H. Compton and Mr. C. Gordon Mackie as Directors was confirmed.

On the proposition of Mr. Frank Austin, seconded by Mr. J. Hyde, the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard was re-elected to the Directorate.

On the proposition of Mr. C. F. Terry, seconded by Mr. A. H. M. da Silva, Mr. C. Bernard Brown, A.C.A., was re-elected as the Auditor of the Company.

The Chairman announced that dividend warrants can be obtained on application on and after to-day (Friday).

## ST. MARY'S SCHOOL, KOWLOON.

ANNUAL PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

LADY TYRWHITT PRESENT.

The annual prize distribution of St. Mary's School (Catholic Institute), Kowloon, took place yesterday afternoon in the School Hall. The prizes were given away by Lady Tyrwhitt.

An entertainment was provided by the pupils and was thoroughly enjoyed by the large number present. Those contributing were Misses C. Cullen, M. Magill, A. Gosano, H. Heath, in musical items, and Misses J. Pestonji and N. Gill who gave recitations.

In an opera entitled "The White Fairy," the characters were taken by Miss S. Hyndman (Fairy), Miss N. Gill (Old Hag), Miss L. Jorge (Orphan Girl) and Miss M. Danenberg (Fortune Teller), assisted by peasant and dancing girls.

The annual report was read by the Rev. Father S. G. Byrne at the request of the Mother Superior, and he also thanked Lady Tyrwhitt for her kindness in attending to distribute the prizes.

The report stated that the attendance at the reopening of the school in January was 278, and this number had increased to 310, the highest attendance so far.

Parents had shown keen interest in the education of their children and this had reflected in the regularity of the attendance.

Dr. Minetti had given a favourable report on the health of the school. In October the school was visited by Mr. De Martin (Inspector of Schools) and a very favourable report was made on the discipline of the school. The drawing and painting work of the pupils received very favourable mention.

In the local examinations the school entered 5 Seniors and 12 Juniors and all passed.

### THE PRIZE-WINNERS.

The following were the successful candidates:—

Bishop Valerita Prize for Biblical Knowledge:—Betty Remedios.

Lugard-Scholarship for the year 1927-28:—Edriz d'Aquino.

Dr. A. S. Gomes Scholarships for Regular Attendance:—Class 1, Carmen Silva; Class 2, Cynthia Alves; Class 3, Mina Danenberg; Class 4, Carmen Pereira; Class 5, Constance Gomes; Class 6, Violet Wong; Class 7, Mary Wong.

Senior Local Certificates and Prizes:—First Prize, Carmen Silva; Second Prize, Regina Ribeiro; Certificates, Mercedes da Rosa, Dulce d'Aquino, Julia Yau.

Junior Local Certificates and Prizes:—First Prizes: Beila Pestonji (distinction in arithmetic and Biblical knowledge); Cynthia Alves (distinction in history and Biblical knowledge). Second Prize: Wilhelmina Wong (distinction in Biblical knowledge). Certificates: Deolinda Gosano (distinction in Biblical knowledge); Betty Remedios (distinction in Biblical knowledge); Carmen Ribeiro, Olga E. Silva, Ines Savard Remedios, Alida Britto, Sara Remedios, Elvira Rosario, Alda Ng. Class 3: Edriz d'Aquino (1st prize), Maria Danenberg (2nd prize), Rosario Fernandez, Joaquina Fernandez. Class 4: Pura da Eca (1st prize), Almina Abdulla (2nd prize), Joyce Kor. Class 5: Maria Mattos (1st prize), Gloria d'Almada (2nd prize), Betty Sousa, Ena Alves, Norah Gill. Class 6: Palmyra Yvanovich (1st prize), Violet Wong (2nd prize), Betty Pestonji, Betty Rodrigues, Hilda Gann. Class 7: Maria Wong (1st prize), Betty Passos (2nd prize), Georgina Fernandez, Geraldina Rosa, Thelma Gonsalves, Avejina Gonsalves. Class 8: Filomena Gonsalves and Annie Ng. (1st prize), Maria (Britto) (2nd prize), Dorothy Jan, Mabel Ng, Lily Chiu. Infant Classes:—Mina Kor, Norma Gonsalves, Nidia Orquind, Milde Osmund, Leonor Gonsalves, Elza Gutierrez, Betty Ng, Thelma Favares, Virginia, Hildefonso, Gloria Gomes, Mely Campos, Elvira Ribeiro, Carrie Alves, Delphina Jones.

Portuguese:—The Socorro Mutuos Junior Scholarship:—Sara Remedios, Teresa Gonsalves, Pura da Eca, Maria Mattos, Filomena Gonsalves, Elsa Silva and Carmen Rosario.

## WILL FORGED AND PROVED.

YOUNG MAN SENT TO PRISON.

LED ASTRAY BY OLDER COMPANIONS.

FATHER'S PLEA FOR LENIENCY.

At the Criminal Sessions yesterday morning the Chief Justice passed sentence of nine months imprisonment on the young Chinese of 18 who pleaded guilty to forging and uttering his father's will.

The five counts against the prisoner included charges of the larceny of deposit receipts for \$281.93, uttering a forged will, demanding money from the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank by means of probate of a forged will and with intent to defraud, and two counts of perjury while on oath before Mr. C. D. Melbourne.

Mr. Somerset Fitzroy prosecuted and Mr. D'Almada e Castro defended.

### Charges Described.

Mr. Fitzroy said that the charges related to the stealing of certain documents and receipts for money, especially one for \$300 and another for \$450. Those receipts were issued to the prisoner's father for money deposited with the Ki Fung Yuk wine shop in Bonham Street West. On October 22nd, the father went away and did not return until the end of December. There was also a sum of \$1,500 in the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank which the prisoner had attempted to obtain.

The papers were taken from a box, where they had been left by the father. On November 13th, the prisoner presented the deposit receipt for \$500 to the wine shop and the amount was paid. Later, he presented the receipt for \$50, which was also paid, together with interest. In accordance with the custom of the business, the receipts were torn up.

The prisoner then went to Messrs. Woo and Nash where he succeeded in obtaining papers relating to his father's estate by saying that the latter was dead.

His Lordship: I understand probate was actually granted. Mr. Fitzroy: Mr. Woo took the ordinary steps in the matter and various affidavits were made. There was no reason to doubt that the documents were properly executed in accordance with Chinese law and custom.

The prisoner's next step was to induce Messrs. Woo and Nash to write a letter to the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank with regard to payment of the \$1,500. The father then appeared on the scene, however, and the matter was investigated.

In the meantime, on December 12th, before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, in two affidavits the prisoner had committed perjury on two distinct oaths. When charged at the Police Court, the prisoner said:—"The money is my father's. I took the money to do some business for my living because I am unemployed now. I did not write the will myself."

### Defences Plea For Leniency.

Mr. D'Almada e Castro, Jnr., in addressing the Court on prisoner's behalf said that his client was only 18 years of age. Until quite recently he had been a model son and his father was grief-stricken when he learnt of the affair. He entered his father's business, and it was then that he fell into the company of so-called friends whose influence was rendered the more malicious by the fact that one of them was a friend of his school days. These friends took the prisoner to West Point and started him on a fast life for which he developed a strong liking. He ran into debt and his friends persuaded him to commit the crimes. The prisoner was the older then's evident that he did not realise the gravity of the crimes, because he continued to live in his father's house after he had committed them. It was only when his father returned that he (the prisoner) began to realise the enormity of his crimes.

His father had pleaded for leniency for his son. In view of that fact, and because he was under strong influence, he asked that the prisoner should not receive a severe sentence, as it would handicap him in after-life and place obstacles in the way of his reform, a course which he had decided upon.

His Lordship said he supposed that the wine shop had lost the money it had paid out.

Mr. D'Almada e Castro replied that the money was handed to the prisoner, but he in turn handed it to the other two men, who had vanished.

Mr. Fitzroy said the wine shop did not consider that they had lost the money as the money had been paid and the deposit receipts torn up.

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His Lordship said the prisoner had pleaded guilty to a series of acts some of which could be punished by a sentence of imprisonment for life. He was, however, going to give great consideration to the fact that he had pleaded guilty and to the forcible way in which his counsel had appealed to the Court for mercy. He would also take into consideration the resolution to do better in the future. Although the prisoner was only 18 years old, he had come to an age of discretion when he ought to know the difference between right and wrong. He had made use of the forms of the law to perpetrate a very serious fraud. Under these circumstances, he could not be allowed to go unpunished, and having regard to the facts that had been urged in his favour, he would sentence the prisoner to "nine months' imprisonment with hard labour."

Prisoner's father asked for a reduction of the sentence saying that he himself was the sufferer.

His Lordship: Those were very serious offences and I cannot grant the request.

Mr. D'Almada e Castro then said that in view of the father's plea he would ask for the sentence to be reduced by making it without hard labour.

To this His Lordship agreed, but remarked that he had always understood that hard labour was an advantage to a prisoner.

Mr. D'Almada e Castro: Will your Lordship date it from the date of his arrest?

His Lordship: I'm afraid not. I have given you every consideration that I possibly can.

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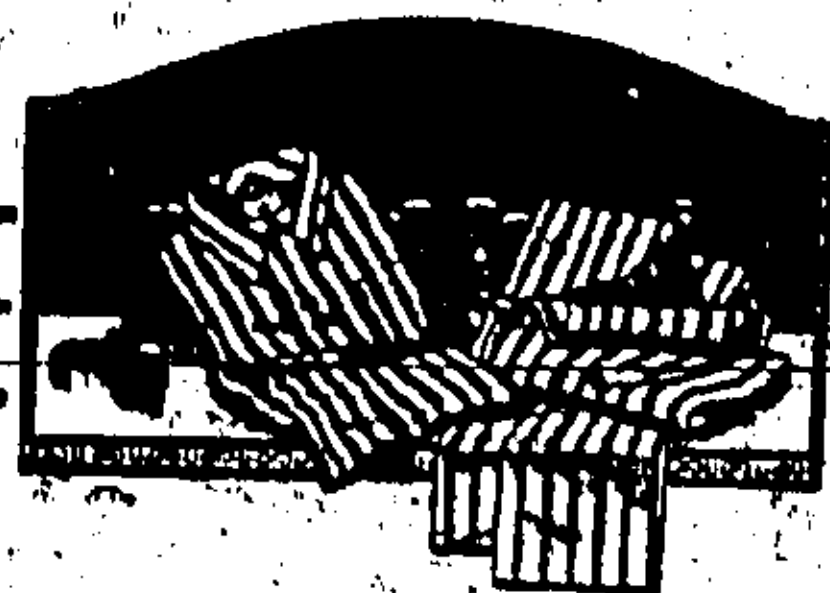


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## STUDENT MAN- SLAUGHTER CASE.

SEQUEL TO CHRISTMAS  
DAY QUARREL.

PRISONER DISCHARGED.

CONFLICT OF EVIDENCE.

At the Supreme Court yesterday before the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice J. R. Wood) a Chinese student was charged with the manslaughter of a fellow student, following a squabble on Christmas Day on the premises of the South China Athletic Association.

The following jury was empanelled:—Mr. J. McCubbin (foreman), Mr. L. Jack, Mr. D. McWhirter, Mr. F. X. M. da Silva, Mr. F. G. Herdridge, Mr. C. E. Xavier and Mr. Shi Yu Man.

The case, which aroused a certain amount of interest at the time, was first heard at the Central Magistrate's Court before Mr. R. E. Lindell, and was fully reported in the Daily Press.

The Case Outlined.

It will be remembered that Lo Chi Hing, the prisoner, had walked over to the sofa in the China Athletic Association where the deceased was sitting, and had teased the deceased by stroking his cheek. Apparently the deceased lost his temper, and, after jumping up, hit or kicked the prisoner, who slapped his face. Such is the story told by five of the seven eye-witnesses. Of the remaining two, one was unable to state the nature of the blow and the other, Lo Chi Ming, maintained that it was a hard blow with the clenched fist. The Crown case rested mainly upon the evidence of this witness and his elder brother, Lo Man Pun, whom Mr. Turner, for the defence, described in the earlier hearing as the evil genius of the case.

Medical Evidence.

Dr. Alexander Cannon, who is in charge of the Victoria Mortuary, and who conducted the post-mortem examination on the deceased, was cross-examined at some length by Mr. F. C. Jenkin, for the defence. He stated quite definitely that of all the implements he knew a fist was the most likely to cause the injuries revealed by the examination. He had dealt with four exactly similar cases, in all of which death was caused by a blow with the fist. He put it outside the bounds of possibility that the injuries could be caused by a fall. Mr. Jenkin mentioned a considerable number of medical authorities, but Dr. Cannon was not prepared to admit them as experts on the point under discussion.

In reply to His Lordship, Dr. Cannon stated that rupture of the artery in question, could, under certain circumstances, take place without external violence, but not with a normally healthy person such as the deceased.

The Defence.

In opening the defence, Mr. F. C. Jenkin pointed out that of the eye-witnesses called or tendered by the Crown, two of the three said that it was a blow with the open hand well below the line between the eye and ear. There was very great importance attaching to this evidence, as Dr. Cannon had stated that neither a blow with the open hand nor a blow below this line could make the delivery of such a blow responsible for this death. Unless the jury found good reason for accepting the evidence of Lo Chi Ming against all the others, they must take it that he was mistaken in his description of the blow.

In addition Dr. Anderson would be called, who, while agreeing with Dr. Cannon that the injuries could not have been caused by a blow of the open hand, would say that it was not impossible that they should have been caused by a fall.

Further Medical Views.

Dr. Anderson gave it as his opinion that the injuries of the deceased could have been caused by a fall, which would not necessarily break the skin. Fatal falls could occur without any external bruising at all. In this particular case he admitted that there must have been exterior violence.

Speech For Defence.

After further witnesses who had been at the S. China Athletic Association had been called, Mr. Jenkin addressed the Court. The Crown, he said, had taken a rather peculiar course in this case. Finding that he could not obtain agreement in material parts, the prosecutor had to throw over the major portion of his evidence, and to ask the jury to accept the evidence of Lo Chi Ming and Lo Chi Ku, the latter of whom could not say whether the blow was with the fist or the open hand, but who maintained that it was gentle. The Crown was asking the jury to find this lad guilty of manslaughter in the face of almost all the evidence.

Of the seven eye-witnesses called, said Counsel, "five are quite definite that the blow was struck with the open hand, one is not certain, and the other maintaining that it was a blow with the fist."

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## LAW SOCIETY VERSUS HOUGHTON.

SUMMONSES DISMISSED.

LEGAL PHRASEOLOGY NOT EXCLUSIVELY FOR  
SOLICITORS.

"VERY NEAR TO BLACKMAIL."

The summons taken out by the local Law Society against C. M. Houghton, of the South China Trade Protection Society, was dismissed by Mr. R. E. Lindell, Senior Magistrate, yesterday. In the course of his judgment, the Magistrate said that he could not find evidence to show that Houghton was acting *qua* solicitor. Legal phraseology, he continued, was not the exclusive possession of solicitors.

It was pointed out by the Magistrate that it was possible that blackmailing threats had been used, but where such threats were used, the law of blackmail should be sufficient protection to the public.

The case, it will be remembered, was instituted by Mr. D. H. Blake, Secretary of the Hong Kong Law Society, against Leslie E. Haynes, and C. M. Houghton. It arose out of two letters sent by the South China Trade Protection Association to two Chinese. One of the letters was forwarded to the Law Society, who took up the case on the ground that Haynes and Houghton were acting or practising as solicitors without having been admitted and enrolled.

The summons against Haynes was dismissed at the first hearing. Houghton conducted his own defence and denied that he was acting or practising as a solicitor. He was only serving his clients who had asked the South China Trade Protection Association to collect certain bad debts in one case, and in the other an adjustment of the accounts between two partners was requested.

When the case was resumed yesterday, Mr. Lindell asked Mr. Blake if he could quote further authorities in support of the case for the prosecution, and on Mr. Blake saying that he could not, judgment was delivered.

No Parallel Case.

The decision of the Magistrate was as follows:—

The form of the Section on which the charge is based—Section 27 of the Legal Practitioners Ordinance, No. 1 of 1874—was apparently derived from Section 13 of Ordinance No. 13 of 1856, now long defunct, which made operative in the Colony most of the provisions of 6 and 7 Vic. C73. Section 2 of that Act made it an offence to act as a solicitor without being enrolled and although the Act was entirely superseded by later statutes culminating in the Solicitors and Attorneys Act of 1874 the original words of our 1871 Ordinance "practices or acts as a Solicitor" still remain in the Hong Kong Law to-day. The Home Act of 1874, however, substituted the new offence of wilfully and falsely pretending to be a solicitor for that of acting as such without authority, and it was for that offence that the prosecutions in the case quoted by Mr. Blake were undertaken.

The essence of that offence is clearly fraudulent and deliberate misrepresentation, and it is therefore difficult to deduce a principle of law from the home cases that will fit the present case, the more so because different Magistrates at home seem to have interpreted the law in different ways.

The facts, however, of the 1924 case of the Law Society v. Leaf approximated so far as one can judge from the report, very closely to those of this case, and there

the London stipendiary found in favour of the defence.

Magistrate Cannot Agree With Prosecution.

Mr. Blake submits that though there may have been no falsely pretending to be a solicitor in this case, yet the defendant's letters and conduct on the 18th, 19th and 20th January amount to acting as a solicitor.

With this view I regret that I cannot agree.

Defendant admittedly sent two letters which contain the same sort of language as solicitors use, and one of which includes a threat of criminal proceedings that comes very near to blackmail, if not to criminal intimidation, but it does not need a solicitor to start criminal proceedings and the threat does not necessarily imply that defendant intended to institute such proceedings on his own; and furthermore, as pointed out in Fleetwood's case, legal phraseology is not the exclusive possession of solicitors.

Moreover each letter bears at the head and foot the printed words "South China Trade Protection Association," and that of the 18th January is headed by the Chinese name of, and is signed by defendant as accountant of, the Association. There is no hint in either letter that the writer is acting *qua* solicitor, and as regards the interview between defendant and Pang Chow on January 19th, though it is possible that blackmailing threats were used by defendant, I cannot find any evidence in the witnesses' statements to show that he acted or claimed to act as a solicitor.

Blackmail Law Protects Public.

Acting or practising as a solicitor in my view conveys the idea of setting up in business with some sort of advertisement or qualification to do the work of a solicitor in the way of giving legal advice, drawing legal documents, etc., etc., for gain.

Trade Protection Associations appear to be world-wide, and to find an employee of such an Association guilty of an offence who sends a menacing letter threatening to institute proceedings, whereas if he uses the words "Instruct a solicitor to institute proceedings" the law admittedly could not touch him, would be to my mind an anomaly.

Where unlawful threats are used, the law of blackmail should be sufficient to protect the public. The summonses must be dismissed.

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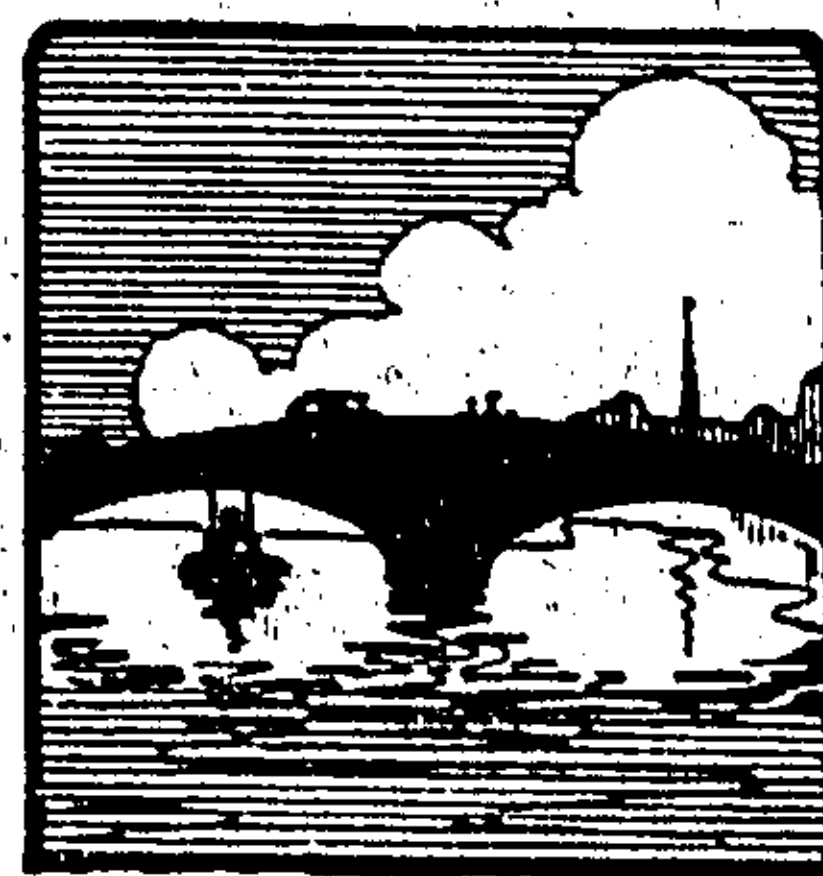
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In support of his evidence is the doctor's statement that the most likely cause of death is a blow with the fist. If you are able to accept the evidence of Lo Chi Ming, you have still to decide a second question, whether the blow was the cause of death. The only evidence of a fall rests on the statement of deceased to his mother.

The Verdict.

The jury without retiring brought in a unanimous verdict of not guilty, and the prisoner was discharged.

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## PROBLEM OF REBUILDING.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

The Canton Government is acting its face strongly against those twin weapons of the Bolsheviki, propaganda and agitation. The attempts of the students of the Sun Yat Sen University to get their President and Vice-President dismissed have been stopped and a newspaper which took up this cause soon fell foul of the censors, and has now promised to leave the whole subject alone.

The local Kuomintang are, however, continuing to pay great attention to the "education of the people" and a "training course for labour leaders" opens to-day.

TO HELP THE CENTRAL  
BANK.

It has been decided to raise all existing taxes by 20 per cent. the proceeds to go towards rehabilitating the Central Bank of China currency. Taxes have to be paid two parts in silver to one part in notes.

Central Bank depositors in Canton have been advised that, while the Bank has partly re-opened for ordinary business the payment of cheques and withdrawal of accounts have had to be suspended until further notice. Many of the military are using to recognise the situation and are demanding their money back from the Bank, going as far as to present depreciated notes and to ask for full payment in coin. The Army of the 8th Route, General Li Tsai Hsin commanding, has just issued an order warning all officers to be very careful and to observe the latest rules of the Bank like other citizens.

POST OF SOCIAL REPRESENTATIVE  
ABOLISHED.

The Nanyang Brothers Tobacco Company, one of the largest Chinese corporations of its kind in China, is announcing that it has dispensed with the office of Mr. Kan Kung Shih, who has been social representative of the company in Canton for a number of years. This step brings to the front the question of the desirability of keeping up the post which Mr. Kan has held for some time. In Chinese business circles, much good will may be obtained by lavish entertainment and wide personal acquaintance, and it is well known that business can be done around a tea or dinner table.

## RECONSTRUCTION.

Since the great fire of December 11th, less than 20 per cent. of the telephones has been able to operate. An expert from Shanghai, Mr. Tang Chung Yao, will soon arrive here to inspect the system and perhaps help to restore the service.

The Municipal Department of Public Works in Canton City is ordering the demolition of all temporary sheds put up in the ruined areas of the City and will only allow substantial buildings erected in accordance with the construction ordinance of the City. Many property-owners have complained that they have now no ready cash to erect permanent buildings as the insurance companies refuse to pay for the damage done, it being due to acts of war and riots which their policies do not cover.

The recent attempt of the Military Authorities in Canton to lessen outlaws in the Eastern Districts by enlisting bandits and pirates as soldiers is to be abandoned. Three agents despatched to Waichow to undertake this "warrior attempt" to tame the desperadoes are being recalled. The bandits and pirates held and the Peasants' Corps who have boxed the Red standard and are terrorising the districts will also be dealt with.

ALLEGED OPIUM SMUG-  
GLING.

An investigation is to be held into the alleged smuggling of opium by the a.s. *Sunning* and the a.s. *Wing Hung*, two Chinese owned vessels flying the British flag. The masters of the two ships have landed over five men who are alleged to be responsible for the contraband found aboard. Both vessels ply between Hong Kong and Wuchow.

## SOVIET DOCUMENTS.

The Canton Government have ordered the translation of a number of documents seized during the raid on the Soviet Consulate in Tungshan, Canton, following the suppression of the "Red" Revolt. They are expected to throw interesting light on Soviet intrigue in Canton.

Next week will be public health week in Canton under the auspices of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. On (Continued on next column.)

SOME CANINE WHIM-  
SICALITIES.A POODLE AND ITS  
MUZZLES.A MONGREL THAT WOULD  
COME BACK.

[BY H. E. PORTER.]

"Oh, you naughty dog" was probably the mild rebuke of a well-dressed Chinese woman when she got home after being summoned before Mr. R. E. Lindell yesterday morning for allowing her pet poodle to be out in the streets without a muzzle.

Another Chinese woman, more of the scolding type, might have taken severe measures had she the chance with a stray mongrel which dragged her into Court all the way from Saiwanho. Several other dog-owners who were made to part with \$5 probably administered a sound chastisement on their "faithful friends."

The whims and caprices of a poodle are certainly hard to understand if we are to believe what was told in the Court. Its mistress, the well-dressed Chinese woman, was summoned for allowing her pet to be out without a muzzle. In a wailing tone, she told the Magistrate that she really did not know what to do with her dog. She had always been very careful about her pet's collar and muzzle but on one occasion she allowed it to go out for a jaunt and took every possible care to see that the animal was well collared and muzzled. Her pet went out and returned sometime after minus the collar and the dog went and hid itself under a chair looking very penitent.

She bought a new collar and muzzle and allowed her pet to take the air again. The next she knew of her dog's wandering was a police summons for allowing it out without a muzzle. With a sigh she again told the Magistrate that she really did not know what to do with her pet.

Mr. Lindell asked the prosecuting sergeant whether the dog had a muzzle on when he found it and was told that the dog in question had a muzzle strapped to its collar but not in the position where muzzles ought to be.

When this was interpreted to the owner, she explained to the Court that her pet has a very short head and snubby nose with the result that no muzzle would stay very long on such a head.

In finding her \$3, Mr. Lindell said that it was her duty to get a muzzle that would fit and stay properly fixed until taken off.

STRAY DOG SEEKS HOME.

Sergeant Cameron came across a mongrel without muzzle, license or collar. He chased the unkempt beast, which ran into a house and into a woman's cubicle.

The irate woman told the sergeant that the animal did not belong to her and she dragged the beast out of her room and down the stairs. The dog, however, ran back to the house and into the woman's room again.

This action of the dog aroused the suspicion of the sergeant for, in his opinion, no dog would persistently run back to the same person and place for protection unless he belonged there. He took out a summons against the "occupier of that particular cubicle."

The occupier in Court yesterday said that she had never kept any dog and could not account for the strange behaviour of that "beast" running to her for protection.

The summons was withdrawn.

OTHER OWNERS.

Other dog owners were not so lucky as the two previous ones, several being ordered to pay a \$5 fine for muzzle and collar offences.

As a contrast to there no fewer than three summonses were dismissed owing to the prosecuting sergeant not having turned up to give evidence.

February 24th and 25th eight prominent physicians in the town will examine all members who wish for their services. Free vaccination is being offered. The Municipal Department of Public Health is co-operating with the Y.M.C.A.

The Department of Public Utilities in Canton City is proposing to erect a reservoir in Canton to regulate the water supply to the residents of Tungshan. There is quite a large community of foreigners in Tungshan.

Village elders and other local residents of Nanhai District refuse to wait any longer for the officials to maintain public peace and order. Some 74 villages have united to form a local militia to supplement the military and the police forces of the district.

The Chinese cruisers, *Chungshan* and *Feiyang*, after a period of service at Swatow, have returned to Canton and are now stationed in the Harbour for duty locally. They are the most effective warships at present in the Southern Nationalist Navy.

The question of Whampoa Port Development is again being revived, but the general opinion is that it will not become a practical proposition for a very long time.

THE STREET SHOOTING AFFRAY OF  
DECEMBER 7th.

## ALLEGED GUNMAN FACES MURDER CHARGE.

REVOLVER AND AMMUNITION FOUND IN HIS  
POSSESSION.

## CASE FOR THE PROSECUTION.

The trial opened before the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan) at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, of the Chinese who is alleged to have taken part in the shooting affray last December 7th. This was the tragic affair in which two Chinese constables were killed and Police Sergeant T. McMahon was dangerously wounded, but recovered thanks to his excellent constitution and the skill and devotion of the Government Civil Hospital staff.

Another Chinese constable and an Indian constable were wounded while one Chinese gunman was killed, and another man wounded. This man, Chan Hung, who is alleged to be one of the gang was the prisoner. He is said to have been one of the fugitives in the running street fight and to have murdered one of the victims.

The alleged fourth gunman is to be charged later at this Sessions with robbery, intent to shoot, and unlawful possession of arms.

Yesterday, the case for the Crown was concluded, and to-day, the defence open their case.

Mr. Somerset Fitzroy is for the Crown, and Mr. d'Almada e Castro, junr., is defending.

The jurors were: Mr. G. Bird (foreman), Mr. L. E. Gutierrez, Mr. G. Engel, Mr. A. G. Mohammed, Mr. A. Hevey, Mr. S. Yu Man, and Mr. E. Abraham.

Mr. Fitzroy having opened the case, Dr. J. R. Craig gave evidence of the prisoner's admission to hospital with two bullet wounds, one of which was in the thigh.

Replying to Mr. d'Almada e Castro, witness said he could not say at what distance the shots had been fired from, but he thought it was a considerable distance, as in the case of the thigh wound, the bullet had not gone completely through. The bullet must have gone right through. Neither of the bullets would have rendered the prisoner immediately unconscious, but the bullet in the thigh would have disabled him and caused him to fall.

Witness could not say whether the prisoner was searched at the hospital. He was not unconscious when admitted. One of the bullets was of .38 calibre. The other was too much flattened for him to be able to state its calibre.

## Question Of Penetration.

Dr. Alexander Cannon, Medical Officer in charge of the Mortuary, stated that he examined the body of a Chinese constable, Wan Wong Chi. The primary cause of death was a bullet wound through the heart. Witness extracted the bullet. The general physical condition of the body showed no signs of disease. Death was caused by the bullet penetrating the heart.

Mr. d'Almada: From the nature of the wound can you give me an estimate at what distance the deceased was shot?

Witness: If you can tell me the exact clothes he was wearing when shot. It is a question of penetration. On being shown the deceased constable's uniform, witness said that judging from the clothes and the nature of the wound, he would say that the man was shot from very close quarters indeed.

Mr. d'Almada: Would not the firing of the bullet at very close quarters range enable it to go right through the body?

Witness: No. Several factors have to be taken into consideration. In this case the bullet just missed the rib. If you hit a hard object, a bullet has been known to penetrate a great way further, but at the same time a piece of tissue paper has been known to stop a bullet, owing to its laxity. In this case, witness suggested that the bullet was stopped by the muscles and tissues under the skin.

Mr. d'Almada: Can you give me an estimate of the range?

Witness, on being informed that the bullet in question a .38, said he could not say for certain, but he would say it was within nine inches.

His Lordship: You would say the muzzle of the weapon was right up to the deceased?—Witness: Almost.

## Condition Of A Revolver.

Mr. C. Greenwood, the police armourer, gave evidence as to the calibre of the bullet, and given a revolver, said that the bullet fitted the revolver. A live bullet, shown to witness, also fitted the weapon.

Mr. d'Almada: Do you consider that revolver to be in working order?

Witness: Yes.

Would you mind seeing if the ejector works?—I examined this revolver a few weeks ago when it was brought to the police, and everything was in perfect working order at the time. This was about a month ago. Since then it has been laid up and a certain amount of corrosion has yet in amongst the joints, and the mechanism is very stiff.

Was the mechanism easy before when you examined it?—It was an ordinary working fit, nothing slack about it.

It would have ejected this empty cartridge?—It certainly would.

Do you consider that it is a kind of revolver that is easily reloaded while a man is running and being chased?—Yes.

Could you tell me the range of that revolver?—Approximately 100 yards.

That I take it is its effective range?—The effective range is 75 yards.

At 60 yards would a bullet penetrate the body of a man?—It depends where it hit him.

Would it penetrate a man's thigh from the back and yet not come out, at 80 yards?—Possibly.

And the effect would be more of less the same at 75 yards?—It would probably penetrate further. It might or might not go through the thigh. It depends on the condition of the ammunition.

If the revolver had been in its present condition at the time you first examined it, it would probably have been very difficult to reload and fire it at running speed?—If it had been, but it was not when I examined it.

## Joined In The Chase.

Sergeant Flaherty gave evidence as to being on duty at the junction of Queen's Road and Bonham Strand at 2 a.m. on the morning in question, when he heard police whistles blown. On arriving at the junction of Wing Lok Street and Morrison Street, witness saw a group of about seven people, including two Chinese policemen.

Witness went on to describe how he saw a Chinese constable chasing a man, and said that he joined in the chase, ultimately passing the constable.

Witness said he lost sight of the fugitive at one period of the chase, but later caught sight of him again, and on being told the direction he had taken, witness ran into Jubilee Street, and thence into Des Voeux Road. During the chase there was a continuous firing of shots.

Ultimately he saw prisoner lying on the ground wounded. He recognised prisoner from the clothing he was wearing and his general appearance as the man he had been chasing. He had the man removed to hospital in a private car.

## The Only Means Of Identification.

Replying to Mr. d'Almada, witness said that he did not pay particular attention to what the crowd of Chinese he saw at Wing Lok Street were wearing. Some wore dark clothes, and some wore light clothes. The closest he got to the fugitive during the chase was about 50 yards. The man had his back to him all the time.

Mr. d'Almada: Actually all you did see of him was his head, a white coat and black trousers?—Witness: Yes.

Mr. d'Almada: And you identify the wounded man in Chin Loong Street (where the wounded prisoner was found) and the man you were chasing in Morrison Street as the same?—Yes.

You had no other means of identifying him?—No.

Had there been anyone else running in the same or opposite direction to which you took you would have seen them?—There was no one else about at this time.

Questioned about the revolver, witness said he did not examine it at the time, but later handed it over to Detective Inspector Lane at the Central Police Station. Outwardly the weapon appeared to be the same now as it was when he first saw it.

## Revolver And Ammunition Found On Prisoner.

Chinese constables were then called, and they gave evidence of the chase, the prisoner's wounds, and the shooting during the chase, etc.

Evidence was given by one witness that he and another Chinese constable opened fire on prisoner when he stopped to reload his revolver at Chin Loong Street.

It was stated that when prisoner fell, after being wounded, a revolver was found in his open right hand and in his left hand were some live rounds of ammunition.

In reply to Mr. d'Almada, as to whether prisoner was ever unconscious when lying on the ground, witness said when he asked the man questions he was unable to answer.

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Apart from damage done to the fire engine's mudguards, hose box and escape ladder, two men were thrown off, the driver being very seriously hurt. The two tram-cars were also badly battered, but the drivers and passengers escaped without injury.

The fire engine was returning from morning exercise along Chater Road and crossed the tram track in front of west-bound tram-car No. 13 near the traffic beacon to get to the left side of the road. The engine struck the tram-car, and at the same time got involved with east-bound tram-car No. 53 which was also passing the beacon. The whole thing was over in a few seconds and the fire engine was on the pavement by the demolished portion of the Hong Kong Hotel with its rear wheels in the gutter.

A motor ambulance removed fireman Tsai Tim and Kwong Wing to hospital. The former received severe injuries and was bleeding when he was picked up from the ground. The other man was able to leave hospital after attention.

By some fortunate circumstance there were no pedestrians near this corner as is usual at that hour. The two tram-cars, though parts of their woodwork were strewn on the roadway, were able to proceed to the depot without assistance. The accident caused a traffic congestion for a considerable time, a number of tram-cars being held up on both routes.

The accident will no doubt be the subject of a departmental enquiry.

Mr. d'Almada: He was more or less in a state of collapse and general insensibility to things happening round him?—Witness: He was unable to speak.

Another witness, a Chinese searcher, who was on duty at the Yaumatei Ferry Wharf at the time in question, said his colleague, in connection with whose death the prisoner is charged, went out to try and stop prisoner. Prisoner, he said, shot his colleague, Wan Wong Chi, when there was about ten feet between the two. Witness then supported the colleague back to the wharf, where he died three minutes later.

In answer to Counsel for the defence, witness said he did not see anyone else chasing the prisoner. It was stated by another witness, that when he searched prisoner at the Government Civil Hospital he found one live cartridge in his jacket pocket.

The prisoner was not searched in the street because of his wound and unconscious state.

## Inspector Lane's Evidence.

The next witness called was Detective Inspector Lane, who said he took charge of the case, and he produced various articles in connection with it.

Mr. d'Almada e Castro produced a copy of the *South China Morning Post*, of December 8th, and pointed out a section which witness said he believed was an official account of the incident. Counsel pointed out that it would appear from that that another man was being chased in addition to the prisoner.

Witness replied that was not so far as he knew. Only one man was chased and a third man could not be accounted for out of the four men mentioned in the newspaper report. The *Sokis* at the West Point restaurant, which was robbed just previously had identified the prisoner as having taken part.

Mr. d'Almada: Why was not this evidence of identification brought up in the court below?—It doesn't arise as far as I know. The authorities consider it unnecessary.

Could you tell me whether notes were taken of statements made by the prisoner in hospital or while in custody?—He made no statements as far as I am aware of. He did not make any statement other than one when he was charged.

His Lordship: So that the only statement we have got is in answer to the charge?—Yes, my Lord.

An interpreter gave evidence of ordering the charge against the prisoner who made a statement and signed it. That statement was "I have no revolver. I did not murder the police."

Mr. Fitzroy said that evidence closed the case for the Crown. The case was adjourned until this morning at half past ten when the defence will be opened.

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CANTON'S BEST POLICY.

News from all quarters now definitely points to a re-establishment of the old friendly relationship between the British and Chinese which—to the detriment of all—was broken nearly three years ago by the strike and boycott. Following the banquet given by General Li Tsai Hsin to the foreign Consuls in Canton comes the report that the negotiation for the sale of the former British Consulate in Canton City has been successfully concluded and that the purchase money of rather more than \$100,000 has been paid over to the British authorities.

The site of the old Consular Building is to be used by the Canton Political Council and we trust that the deliberations and discussions of that body, in their new headquarters, will be directed towards the best methods of healing the wounds and repairing the injuries caused by the mis-directed policy of its predecessors in office. We have no desire to recall the unhappy events of the past. They inflicted a tremendous amount of unnecessary suffering on the Chinese people and their influence is still seen in the present disorganised condition of the Province. But now that the communist poison, which wrought the damage, has been eliminated to a large extent from the Chinese political system, we can look forward with confidence to better times.

General Li Tsai Hsin's dinner in

honour of the Foreign Consuls—a function which would have been impossible two years ago—may be regarded as a gesture signifying the return of that friendly intercourse with all nations upon which, it should be remembered, the prosperity of Kwangtung has been built.

In the distinctly better atmosphere now prevailing confidence in commercial circles is slowly reviving. There are, of course, many bandit groups which will have to be dispersed before normal trading conditions are restored, and there are still a good many political-military leaders who will readily join forces with the bandits if they see a favourable opportunity to harass the established government. It is not, therefore, to be expected that all trouble is over but the régime in Canton, we believe, will be sufficiently strong to deal with the mischief-makers providing they do not dissipate their energies in military adventures further afield.

There is still a good deal of talk regarding the future position of General CHIANG KAI SHEK and we note that General CHEN MING SHU, who has recently returned to Canton from Swatow, has strongly denounced any suggestion of an anti-CHIANG KAI SHEK movement. In one sense we fully agree with General CHEN. In our view, and we believe in the view of a great many Chinese, Canton should avoid as it would the plague any movement in favour of, or against, any political or military leader or party.

The time has come, after three years of turmoil, when Canton should give its undivided attention to its own affairs. If it does this it ought to be sufficiently strong to repel any attack from whatever quarter such may be directed, and with peace in its own borders trade will extend and the revenue grow.

The maintenance of order and the development of trade are the sole objects with which the Canton Government should now concern itself, and as far as can be judged from his public speeches, this is Li Tsai Hsin's policy. We sincerely trust, for the sake of the people, that he will succeed in carrying it into effect.

A meeting of the Committee of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce will be held to-day at 2.30 p.m.

The closing day and distribution of prizes at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club will be held to-morrow (Saturday), beginning at 3 p.m.

A market coolie employed at the Knutsford Hotel, No. 1, Kimberley Road, committed suicide on Wednesday by hanging himself in the cook house.

A Chinese who jumped into the Harbour on Wednesday from the ferry launch *Man Kwong*, running to Shamshuipo, was rescued by a seaman of that launch and taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital.

The fourth ordinary annual meeting of shareholders of the Hong Kong and Territorial Estate, Ltd., will be held at the office of the Company, St. George's Building on Friday, February 24th, at 11 a.m.

Lord and Lady Stratheden arrived in Hong Kong on Tuesday by the *Sphinx* from Saigon. Lord Stratheden is a Lieutenant in the Coldstream Guards, the 2nd Battalion of which is going home from Shanghai.

At the first annual dinner of St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club, to be held to-night at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, the Patron of the Club, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kote-wall, C.M.G., will submit the toast of "The Club," which will be replied to by Mr. G. Zimmermann. The toast of "Our Guests" will be proposed by Mr. Mow Fung, and replied to by the Very Rev. Alfred Swann, M.A., D.S.O., the Dean of St. John's Cathedral.

Members of the Royal Hong Yacht Club are holding the first race of the "Match Box" series for "Y" Class yachts to-morrow (Saturday). The preparatory gun will be fired at 3.40 p.m., and the starting gun at 2.45 p.m.

Pearls, jade and bracelets worth \$720 are reported to have been stolen from a Chinese jeweller's shop at No. 138, Queen's Road Central. The articles were removed by breaking a showcase outside the shop between 7.30 and 8 p.m. on Wednesday.

The Japanese Chief Justice of Formosa was present at the Criminal Sessions yesterday and occupied a chair on the Bench next to Sir Henry Gollan. He was evidently a most interested spectator of the proceedings. An interpreter sat beside him.

A Chinese described as an odd job cookie living in a hut on the hillside at Saiwanha, has been convicted of the theft of 37 yards of electric cable which he cut inside the Taikoo Docks. He was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour by Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

A foreign lady has informed the police that on leaving the race course on Tuesday afternoon she discovered the loss of two diamond rings, one worth \$100 and the other \$120. She was unable to say whether she dropped the rings when she was amongst the crowd or whether they were stolen from her fingers.

The police raid on a house in Bowring Road, Yaumatei, on Tuesday, had a sequel at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday when a man and a woman who were arrested were brought before the Magistrate on a charge of being in possession of seventeen forged ten-dollar bank notes. Both defendants were remanded for one week.

The motion to be debated at St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club next Monday evening is to be proposed by Mr. R. H. Hollis and seconded by Mr. A. J. May, A.R.I.B.A. The opposition will be led by the Rev. H. A. Wittenbach, M.A., who will be supported by Miss M. M. Clark. The topic for discussion is "That a University Education is not a Necessary Prelude to a Successful Career." The debate begins at 8.30.

A Chinese was yesterday charged before Major C. Willson for uttering three spurious ten cent pieces. Mr. D. McCallum appeared for the defence. It was alleged that the defendant tendered ten cents to the collector of a street show. The money was found to be bad and on asking the defendant to change it he handed another counterfeit coin.

At the Police Station the defendant was searched and the coins found on him amounting to the value of \$1.23, was found to be good money. His employer also testified to the defendant's good character. Major Willson, however, decided to convict and sentenced the man to one month's hard labour without the option of a fine.

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CHARADE.

THE SOLUTION WANTED.

A CORRESPONDENT IS ANXIOUS TO FIND THE SOLUTION OF THE FOLLOWING CHARADE. HE HAS TESTED A GOOD MANY PEOPLE ON THE SUBJECT WITHOUT RESULT, AND NOW ASKS WHETHER ANY "DAILY PRESS" READERS CAN ASSIST.

Evening threw soberer hue  
Over the blue sky, and the few  
Poplars that grew just in the view  
Of the Hall of Sir Hugo de Wynke:  
"Answer me true," pleaded Sir Hugh,  
(Striving some hardhearted maiden to woo),  
"What shall I do, Lady, for you?"  
"Twill be done, ere your eye may twinkle,  
Shall I borrow the wand of a Moorish enchanter,  
And bid the deceiver contain the Levant, or  
The brass from the face of a Mormonite water?  
Shall I go for the mule of the Spanish Llanero—  
(That 't' for the sake of the line, we must grant her)—  
And race with the foul fiend, and beat in a canter,  
Like that first of equestrians, Tam O'Shanter?  
I talk not mere banter—say not that I can't, or  
By this my fist—(a Virginia planter  
Sold me to kill rats)—I will die instantly."  
The Lady bended her ivory neck, and  
Whispered mournfully, "Go for my second."  
She said, and the red from Sir Hugh's cheek fled,  
And "Nay," did he say, as he stalked away  
The fiercest of injured men:  
"Twice have I humbled my haughty soul,  
And on bended knee have I pressed my whole—  
But I never will press it again!"

Passengers departing by the Blue Funnel s.s. *Jenens* yesterday included Mr. and Mrs. L. J. C. Johnson, Mrs. R. J. McNicol, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Parker, Mr. P. Airey, Mr. Somers H. Ellis and Mr. N. L. H. Railton.

On Wednesday night three fire engines went to No. 10, Water Street, West Point, in answer to a call, but on arrival found that a small fire in the rear part of the premises had already been extinguished by the inmates.

Two Home mails are due to-day. The P. & O. s.s. *Kashmir* will arrive with the mail via Suez, dated London, January 19th (letters and papers) and parcels of January 12th; while the P. & O. s.s. *Khyber* is due from the North with Europe via Siberia mail. The *Kashmir* sails again to-day, taking Home and Europe mail for despatch via Siberia, and to-morrow the *Khyber* takes the Home mail via Suez. There is also another mail out via Siberia by the *Shantung* on Saturday, clearing at 3.30 p.m.

Y.M.C.A. WIRELESS.

THIS EVENING'S TEST.

A test will be carried out from the Leg Theatre at 6.15 p.m. to-day (Friday) on a wave length of metres 340.

It is proposed to announce the reception received at various localities during the last test which will no doubt be of interest of those listening in.

Several new adjustments have been made on the transmitter, and it will be of great assistance if listeners-in will send reports of reception to Mr. R. Sutherland, c/o Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., at their earliest convenience.

MISS VIOLET CAPELL'S DANCING PUPILS.

PERFORMANCES AT QUEEN'S AND STAR THEATRES.

Miss Violet Capell and her talented pupils are giving their 6th annual dancing display next week at the Queen's Theatre.

The first performance is at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, February 22nd, the next on Monday, February 27th at the same time.

A third performance will be given at 8.15 p.m. on February 29th, at the Star Theatre, Kowloon.

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**DICTATOR CHANG ASKS TUAN CHI JUI TO ACT AS MEDIATOR.**FENGTIENESE EAGER FOR ARMISTICE WITH SHANSI.  
DEMAND SHANSI NOT TO SUPPORT FENG.

HONAN MEASURE AS TO FOOT-BINDING.

**"WHITE" RUSSIANS DISBANDED: NO PAYMENT OF WAGES ARREARS.**

The Fengtienese are still endeavouring to effect an armistice with Shansi's Governor. They have, it is known, made him a tempting offer of territory stipulating only one "demand," namely that he ceases all military support to Feng Yu Hsiang. The veteran Marshal Tuan Chi Jui has been asked by the Peking Government to mediate in the armistice.

The native Press are in doubt regarding the movements of Chiang Kai Shek, and now state that it is uncertain that he is at Kaifeng engaged in a military conference with the "Christian General" and Shansi's representative.

According to a foreign report, say the vernacular papers, 6,000 "White" Russians have been disbanded (presumably in Shantung) by Sun Chuan Fang. It is added that these mercenaries are still minus their arrears of pay.

**REORGANISATION OF SOUTHERN ARMY.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, February 16th.  
Chiang Kai Shek has informed the Government Council that he has ordered the reorganisation of the First Route Army and the abolition of its headquarters. Marshal Chiang points out that the First Route Army is not mobile owing to the fact that it controls more than ten armies and holds a front of several hundred li. He is, therefore, reorganising it into three Army Corps comprising the 1st, 5th and 19th Armies. These will be under the personal command of Chiang Kai Shek and Vice-Commander Liu Sze, the 15th, 8th and 23rd under Chen Tiao Yuan and the 37th, 38th and 40th under Ho Yao Tsu.

Ho Ying Ching has been appointed Chief of Staff but it is understood that he has declined the post. In accordance with orders from Nanking General Chieh Dah Kyung is leaving Szechwan for Nanking with an army of 3,000 early in March.

**THE FENGTIENESE AND SHANSI.**

(Wah Tai Yat Pau.)

SHANGHAI, Feb. 16th.  
As to peace with General Yen Shi Shan, the Fengtienese only demand one condition, namely that the Shansi troops cease to support Feng Yu Hsiang.

According to a foreign report, Sun Chuan Fang disbanded 6,000 "White" Russians, but their arrears of wages have not been paid.

**CHIANG KAI SHEK'S MOVEMENTS.**

(Wah Tai Yat Pau.)

SHANGHAI, Feb. 16th.  
It is now not clear whether Marshal Chiang Kai Shek has gone to Kaifeng (Honan) to confer with Marshal Feng Yu Hsiang. Up to the 15th inst. Marshal Chiang was still at Haichow. He called a military conference there on that day with representatives from Generals Yen Shi Shan and Feng Yu Hsiang. The result of the conference has not been divulged.

In view of a revolt having occurred in the Tientsin-Pukow Railway zone, Marshal Chang Tso Lin called a military conference on the 12th inst. to work out a plan to prevent its repetition.

General Chang Hsueh Liang urged that General Yang Yu Ting, Chang Tso Sheng, Sun Chuan Fang and Tang Yu Lun and some other leaders should be responsible to take steps in maintaining tranquillity.

Marshal Chang said that he would appoint General Chang Tso Sheng, Tapan of Keitungkang, to the township of Chihli and concurrently assign to him the post of Commander-in-Chief of the 3rd and 4th Routes of the Keitungkang Army. After the war is over, Sun Chuan Fang will be appointed tapan of Shantung.

**HONAN AND FOOT-BINDING.**

(Wah Tai Yat Pau.)

SHANGHAI, Feb. 16th.  
The Honan authorities have adopted strict measures for the suppression of foot-binding and have issued an order that no girl under 15 years of age is to be allowed to bind her feet.

**A REQUEST TO MARSHAL TUAN.**

(Wah Tai Yat Pau.)

SHANGHAI, Feb. 16th.  
A Peking Chinese paper reports that the Ankuochin Government has sent a representative to interview Marshal Tuan Chi Jui requesting him to act as mediator in the peace negotiations between Shansi and Peking.

**THE NATIONALIST FOREIGN MINISTRY.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, February 16th.  
Mr. Hwang Fu left for Nanking this morning to take up his post at the Foreign Ministry.

**NATIONALIST TOUR.**

PARTY LEAVE CEYLON FOR EUROPE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

COLOMBO, Feb. 15th.  
The Chinese Nationalist missionaries have decided to cancel their Ceylon programme, and continue the voyage to Europe.

No reason for the change was given.

The party numbers 13 and includes: Dr. C. C. Wu (ex-Foreign Minister), Mr. Hu Han Mia (a former head of the Kwangtung Government) and Mr. Sun Fo (ex-Finance Minister). They were each paid \$50,000 by the Nationalist Government for their travels. At Singapore, a bomb was thrown at several members of the Party by an alleged Cantonese communist.

**NEWS FROM THE YANGTZE.**

OPERATIONS AGAINST YANG SEN.

[NAVAL WIRELESS.]

ICHANG, Feb. 15th.  
It is reported that operations have been commenced against General Yang Sen, and that fighting is expected to take place up river.

**More Banditry.**

SHANGHAI, Feb. 15th.  
Bandits are again active, and are causing much trouble. The Nanking Government has been asked to send a gunboat to assist the 15th Army, in the suppression of these outlaws.

**Fighting Fifty Miles From Shansi.**

SHANGHAI, Feb. 15th.  
The Second Army, under the command of General Loh Ti Ping, has commenced operations against the 35th Army, which is commanded by General Ho Chen. Fighting is taking place on the river, 50 miles below Shansi.

The Second Army, it is reported, is receiving naval assistance from Admiral Chen, who is sending two gunboats from Yochow.

**THE LEAGUE OPIUM CONVENTION.**

BRITAIN ENCOURAGING THE RATIFICATIONS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Feb. 15th.  
In the House of Commons, at question time, Mr. G. Locker-Lampson, of the Foreign Office, said that the Geneva Opium Convention, 1925, had not yet been enforced, because three out of the seven ratifications by members of the Council of the League were still lacking.

Britain was doing her best to encourage the other countries to ratify.

**SALT GABELLE FINANCES.**

1927 A DISASTROUS YEAR.

CIVIL WAR AND MILITARY INTERFERENCE BLAMED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEKING, February 16th.  
The total net Salt Revenue lodged with the Group Banks in 1927 amounted to \$5,350,000, a decrease of \$11,205,000 compared with 1926.

Excluding the amounts retained locally and credited during that year in the Group Banks by special arrangement the revenue retained by provincial authorities in 1927 amounted to \$32,537,000 against \$47,672,000 in 1926.

Lodgements with the Group Banks and local appropriations amounted to \$37,907,000, a decrease of \$6,370,000.

The report of the Gabelle says the decrease is due to the civil wars and military interference. Only Chihli and Shantung districts in 1927 remitted revenue to the Group Banks.

With the exception of \$2,750,000 paid as subsidy from the Group Banks to the Chihli Tapan, there was no release for the general purposes of the Chinese Government whereas \$3,963,000 was so released in 1926.

\$3,497,944 was paid on account of foreign obligations secured on the Salt Revenue.

The Yearly Services Reorganisation Loan (1913) was arranged in the first instance by the Salt Administration and subsequently refunded in full by the Customs.

Scarcity of funds prevented the full payment of foreign obligations secured on the salt, while the usual services of part of the Fukang and the full service of the Crisp Loan was paid by balances carried over from the previous year and the lodgements in the Group Banks.

1927 funds were insufficient to meet the instalment on amortisation due in 1927 and the Anglo-French loan amounting to a quarter of a million sterling. The balance with the Group Banks could not be maintained at the former sum of seven millions and amounted at the end of 1927 to \$1,014,000 compared with \$4,860,000 at the end of 1926.

**THE LATE LORD OXFORD AND ASQUITH.**

WORLD-WIDE TRIBUTES TO HIS WORTH.

H.M. THE KING DEPLORES LOSS OF A "VALUED FRIEND."

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

ROGEE, Feb. 15th.  
World-wide tributes to the memory of the late Lord Oxford and Asquith are being paid to-day. H.M. the King has sent a telegram to Lady Oxford expressing his sympathy with her in her loss, and his grief at the death of a valued friend and great servant of the State.

At the end of question time in the House of Commons, the Premier rose and said he was sure the House would have heard with the most profound regret of the death of the Earl of Oxford, and he gave notice that he would to-morrow move an appropriate resolution.

The Belgian Government, in a message to its Ambassador in London, has paid a striking tribute to Lord Oxford. The message states: "Belgium will never forget the brilliant services of this illustrious statesman who directed the British Government with such loyalty and strength at the moment of the outbreak of war. Belgium will always recall with gratitude the momentous decision which he inspired, with a view to securing respect for treaties and of helping Belgium to defend herself against the violation of her neutrality and independence."

The King of the Belgians has also sent messages of sympathy to H.M. the King George and Lady Oxford. President Doumergue has addressed his condolences to Lady Oxford and M. Briand; the French President, has telegraphed his profound regrets and those of the French Government.

The French and Belgian newspapers unanimously record the fact that Lord Oxford felt the tremendous responsibility of throwing the British Empire into the Great War on the side of their country, and generally declare that but for this act alone their peoples must cherish the memory of the late British statesman.

Lady Oxford has received an offer to bury Lord Oxford in Westminster Abbey but has yet reached no decision.

**Private Burial.**

LONDON, Feb. 15th.  
It is stated on behalf of Lord Oxford and Asquith's family that he will be buried privately, in accordance with his special wishes, and not at Westminster Abbey, as was suggested by the Government.

A memorial service, however, will be held at the Abbey on Tuesday, February 21st.

**POLICING OF THE YANGTZE.**

GREATER SENSE OF SECURITY.

CHINA'S ANOMALOUS CONDITIONS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, February 16th.

The Times, in a leader reviewing the policing of the Yangtze and remarking on the greater sense of security illustrated by the departure of the Coldstream Guards, says that it is "quite in keeping with the anomalous conditions in China that the coast region should be policed by soldiers and the interior by sailors."

**PAN-AMERICAN CONFERENCE.**

ARGENTINE DELEGATES DISAPPEAR.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

HAVANA, Feb. 15th.

Following the non-appearance of the Argentine delegates at this morning's session of the Committee of the Pan-American union affairs a rumour has arisen that Dr. Pueyrredon has resigned the chairmanship of the Argentine delegation and also the Ambassadorship at Washington.

**What Is Being Done.**

HAVANA, Feb. 16th.

Despite the mysterious absence of the Argentine Delegation the Committee unanimously adopted the projected convention to reorganise the Pan-American Union. The plenary session approved the report of the Committee on communications including the commercial aviation convention. They also approved the holding of an aviation conference at Washington in December in accordance with President Coolidge's suggestion.

Far-Reaching Recommendations Adopted.

The recommendations adopted by the Pan-American Conference include the creation of a Pan-American motor highway, and highway development within various countries; the development of electric power communications fostering inter-American steamship lines, the elimination of formalities at ports, the development of river navigation and the regulation of international railway traffic.

**RUBBER ENQUIRY.**

MR. BALDWIN FURTHER EXPLAINS.

STATEMENT IN THE COMMONS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Feb. 15th.

Mr. Baldwin, addressing the House of Commons in answer to a question concerning the rubber enquiry, said that before any announcement was publicly made, the Colonial Office confidentially informed the Advisory Committee on the Stevenson Restriction Scheme, that the Government had decided to examine the scheme.

Neither the Advisory Committee, or the industry itself could have been properly consulted at that time, he explained, but he told the House that full opportunity would be given to representatives of the industry to submit their views to the Committee of Civil Research.

Mr. Baldwin added that it was not usual for the Cabinet to give details of the Cabinet Committee's procedure, and he emphasised that the last thing the Government wished to do was anything likely to cause stress to the rubber industry.

When the Cabinet was able to form an opinion on the report of the Committee, they would give every consideration to the position of the industry.

Mr. E. T. Campbell suggested that the sudden change of arrangement might cost the Treasury a great deal of money.

Mr. Baldwin said that he was familiar with that point which would be carefully watched.

**LANCASHIRE'S COTTON INDUSTRY.**

REPLY TO CRITICISM.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, February 15th.

One of the leading members of the Cotton Spinners' Federation, replying to criticisms of the Committee's decision, which does not affect spinners of Egyptian cotton in districts other than Bolton nor the spinners of American cotton in the Bolton Association, quoted the Manchester Guardian, and said that the procedure should not be taken too seriously, as "it merely aims at re-opening discussions with the operatives."

**R.A.F. FLYING BOATS.**

ARRIVE AT SINGAPORE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SINGAPORE, Feb. 16th.

The four Royal Air Force flying boats have arrived, having covered the 500 miles from Mergui in Burma in seven hours. They will remain at Penang for a week.

**HINKLER AT CALCUTTA.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

CALCUTTA, Feb. 16th.

Captain Hinkler has arrived.

**COSTES AND LEBRIX.**

COMING TO CHINA.

THEIR LATEST PLANS.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, Feb. 16th.

Costes and Lebriz declared to a Havana representative that they will shortly hop off to San Francisco where they will embark for Tokyo. Thence they will return to France aboard an aeroplane across China, India, Turkey, Greece and Italy.

**LINDBERGH AND FLYING.**

ANSWERS MR. DAVIS.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 15th.

Colonel Lindbergh, the famous American aviator, says he does not intend to give up experimental flying.

He is perfectly willing to sacrifice his life if he happens to be killed while flying. He considers that what he is doing is not hazardous flying in the sense that he is taking unnecessary risks.

A telegram from St. Louis, dated the 14th inst., stated that Mr. Davis, the Secretary for War, applauded Lindbergh's flight, but declared that he would implore Lindbergh to give up risking his life in the air, because his death would be an irreparable loss to the country and to the cause of aviation.

**JURY AWARD G.\$8,000,000.**

ACTION AGAINST DECEASED AMERICAN MILLIONAIRE.

SUM MAY BE TRIPLED.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEWARK, Feb. 16th.

Probably the largest sum in damages ever allotted to an individual plaintiff were awarded to-day to the New England manufacturer, Mr. George D. Haskell, against the estate of the late James B. Duke, the "tobacco king."

After a lengthy hearing, the jury directed that Mr. Haskell be paid a sum of \$8,000,000 from the estate. Evidence was given that the late James B. Duke promised to back Haskell in exploiting huge aluminium properties in the United States and Canada, but afterwards sold out to an "Aluminium Trust."

Haskell claimed damages of \$15,000,000 actual damages, but sued for \$45,000,000 under the Federal anti-trust law which authorises triple damages for losses resulting from a conspiracy tending towards the restraint of trade.

It is understood that Haskell's counsel will now move that the Court increase the award to \$24,000,000 under this law.

**ARBITRATION PACT.**

BEING DISCUSSED IN THE COMMONS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Feb. 15th.

In the House of Commons, at question time, Mr. G. Locker-Lampson stated that the preamble of the Anglo-American draft treaty of Arbitration, communicated to the British Government, contained a clause condemning war as an instrument of policy in the mutual relations of the two countries.

The whole subject was being discussed most carefully.

**AMERICAN ACTRESS BANNED.**

NOT ALLOWED TO PLAY IN LONDON.

QUERY BY AMERICAN ACTORS.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, Feb. 16th.

Following the refusal of the British authorities to allow the American actress, Miss Alden Gray, to appear in a play in London, the Actors' Association of America has enquired of the American Consul-General in London, whether England has an immigration quota and, if so, whether actors are included.

**CHINESE COOK-SHOPS IN PORT DARWIN.**

EMPLOYMENT OF ABORIGINALS.

TRADE UNION PRESSURE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PORT DARWIN, Australia, February 16th.

A mass meeting of trade unionists have passed a resolution in favour of preventing Chinese cook-shops using Aboriginal labour. In Port Darwin there are approximately 600 Whites, 300 Aboriginals and between 200 and 400 Chinese. The Trade Unions have been pressing the Blacks not to work for less than the minimum wage.

**COURT OF INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE.**

DEBATE IN THE LORDS.

BRITAIN'S POLICY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, February 15th.

In the House of Lords, a debate took place on a motion of Viscount Cecil urging the Government, after consultation with the Dominions, to accept the jurisdiction of the Permanent Court of International Justice in indictable disputes, by signing the Optional Clause.

Lord Cushtenden, in reply, said he was unable to hold out any hope that Britain in the immediate future would change her policy, which had been consistent since 1920.

It would be unwise, Lord Cushtenden added, to go beyond the customary system of arbitration by signing the optional clause, which he did not consider really affected the question of peace.

Viscount Cecil's motion was later withdrawn.

**Britain's "Zeal And Haste."**

Lord Cushtenden emphasised, in the course of his speech to the House of Lords, that his main difficulty in discussing disarmament at Geneva arose out of the zeal and haste with which Britain had voluntarily carried out disarmament.

He felt that if, regardless of economy, Britain had kept all her armaments until she could have been used for bargaining purposes, Britain would have been in a tremendously strong position, and could have created the greatest sensation by announcing her decision to carry out such disarmament at once as she had already done by degrees.

He pointed out that other nations had not disarmed in corresponding proportion.

The Optional Clause.

Lord Cushtenden further expressed the opinion that the signing of the Optional Clause would have no real bearing on the question of peace. The field of danger appeared to be fully covered by the Arbitration Agreements, of which there were eleven British with other countries, excluding the ex-enemy, at present in existence.

The field was covered by those equally well as it would be covered by signing the Optional Clause. There might be some of the Dominions, including India, ready to sign the clause, although the Government of India had entered a caveat setting forth their point of view as regards various Asiatic questions.

These latter would have to be very carefully considered, but, supposing all the interests of the Dominions could be excluded from the Optional Clause by a reservation, then it would be altogether a negative clause.

**BRITAIN AND EGYPT.**

DISCUSSIONS IN PROGRESS.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

ROGEE, Feb. 15th.

Replying to a question in the House of Commons, Mr. Locker-Lampson, Foreign Under-Secretary, said discussions between the British and Egyptian Governments were still in progress in Cairo. He hoped, however, they would be concluded in the near future.

**BRITAIN AND PERSIA.**

ISLANDS OF BAHREIN UNDER DISCUSSION.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

ROGEE, Feb. 16th.

Asked in the House of Commons, whether certain demands had been made by the Persian Government, particularly regarding Bahrain, Mr. Locker-Lampson, Foreign Under-Secretary, said: "The Persian Government protested some weeks ago against the terms of the treaty and League, on the ground that references in that treaty to the islands of Bahrain is contrary to the territorial integrity of Persia. His Majesty's Government are unaware of any ground on which the Persian Government could base a claim to sovereignty over these islands and have explained this to the Persian Government."

**THE SIMON COMMISSION.**

DEBATE IN THE INDIAN ASSEMBLY.

COMMISSION REGARDED AS "GRAMOPHONES."

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

NEW DELHI, February 16th.

There was an extraordinary spectacle presented on the occasion of the Assembly debate on Mr. Lajpatrai's motion of non-confidence in the constitution and scheme of the Statutory Commission. The House was crowded, the public galleries being packed and the keenest interest was taken in the result of the voting.

Mr. Lajpatrai, whose resolution pledged the Assembly to have nothing to do with the Commission in any shape or form, said he did not believe in the British *bona fides*. The Commission's ignorance of Indian conditions, history and politics was their greatest disqualification. The Commissioners could only be gramophones of bureaucracy and eventually gramophones of the Secretary of State. Furthermore, the Indian problem was beyond the competence of any Commission. He concluded by declaring that the Nationalists were open to negotiations but refused to be the victims of camouflage. "As long as the British steel frame surrounds us it is impossible to achieve anything."

**GERMANY'S POLITICAL CRISIS.**

DEADLOCK OVER EDUCATION BILL.

GENERAL ELECTION IN ITALY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BERLIN, Feb. 15th.

The efforts of the Party leaders to reach a compromise on the Government's Education Bill have failed.

Accordingly, the Right and Central Party leaders of the Coalition Government can consequently be regarded as being politically dead, in compliance with their threat to withdraw their Ministers in the absence of a satisfactory settlement of the dispute.

It is understood that the Government will now make every effort to push through the Budget, after which the Reichstag will be dissolved.

It may be regarded as certain that Germany will be in the throes of a General Election early in May of this year.

President Hindenburg recently appealed to Dr. Marx to allow all differences regarding the Education Bill to be dropped until the pressing problems before the Reichstag should be settled.

**TURKISH PETROL.**

AMERICAN CAPITAL TO PARTICIPATE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Feb. 15th.

Questioned with regard to the Turkish Petroleum Company in the House of Commons to-day, Mr. L. C. M. S. Amery, the Dominions Secretary, stated that it is understood negotiations are in progress between the various commercial interests concerned for the participation of American capital in the Turkish Petroleum Company.

**AMERICAN STEEL CORPORATION.**



## CRICKET NOTES.

After standing for three days watching diminutive ponies race round Happy Valley, carrying our five dollar bills for the profit of somebody else, it is refreshing to come back to the same contemplation of a game about which we know something. There is no mug like a racing mug. Year after year he loses his money down there and catches a violent cold in the head!

I observe that on Tuesday last some sensible folk did play cricket, and what is now an annual fixture took place on the Club ground between the Volunteers and the Rest of the League. The League side seem to have been somewhat commiserated about their bowling, and according to their analysis nine people had a bowl. As Rumjahn was one of them I venture a guess that his place for the League was afterwards taken by A. H. Madar. However, that may be Ramsey and Fincher were in very good form and scored a large proportion of the runs for the Volunteers. I see E. C. Fincher was run out again. In his early days for the Civil Service he was a bad runner but firm action coupled with the matter. He seems to have fallen from grace since going to Kowloon and he waves his bat in the air still. I hope he'll take measures to stop this weakness, as we can't afford to have an Interceptor bats develop flaws of this kind. Bruce, Hung, E. F. Fincher and Shaw got a few for the League but the rest were disappointing.

**Last Saturday's League Games.**

I have already dealt at considerable length with the Varsity K.C.C. match on Saturday last. It has, by its result, prolonged the interest in the First Division. Unless University beat the Navy and then K.C.C. lose a match interest must go on until their last match. To-morrow is the off day of the Races and the K.C.C.-Civil Service match has very wisely been postponed. It will be played now on March 10th though I hear the Civil Service may have to play at Kowloon instead of at home. If the only obstacle is the fact that the 2nd eleven have a friendly on the ground it is one which could, and should, be overcome. The Civil Service will be strengthened by the return of F. Baker, who should be a very useful man.

**Second League.**

The Recreation still have a chance of pulling the University off their perch in the Junior Division. Each have two more matches to play, but the Varsity have a three points lead. Even if K.C.C. win their next three matches they are very unlikely to be able to achieve more than third place. On Saturday last the Recreation did very well to beat the R.A.O.C. whose batting is not nearly as sound as it was. They also suffered from having no bowler to risk Luke and Hale. Good as the pair are a bit of contrast would help and it's no joke bowling 18 or 19 overs on end.

Navy II. beat the Tamar pretty conclusively, as they were a far stronger combination all round, while the Civil Service, with what seemed to be practically their best side, crashed most hopelessly. I heard that they were not nearly brisk enough in running singles—in fact one computation was that they lost about 30 runs from this cause. I didn't see the game, but I know enough of their batting to know they can't afford to throw away runs. The Police won comfortably.

**Friends.**

The Club were without Pearce and Hancock and actually were one man short when they met the Navy at King's Park. The latter side came out nearly at full strength with Dale and Hunt back. They still lack their best bowler, Thomson, who damaged his left wrist very badly during the recent Rugby Interceptor at Shanghai. He will not be fit to turn out for some time I am afraid. The Club bowling did not prove good enough and they lost the match badly. Their batting also was not up to form, and they seemed to be suffering from "end of the season" staleness—a mere shadow of their proper side—were badly beaten by a Garrison side that was pretty useful.

The K.C.C. II. were to have played University II. but the latter wanted to see the big game and very naturally so. K.C.C. rather trumped on the substitutes—a team from the Light and Power while Craigengower beat the Electric. I must say the zeal with which these two Hong Kong sides week after week, without frequent victories but with indomitable cheerfulness beyond all praise. It is a pity that their example is not copied by a few others.

**School Cricket.**

The League team which met the Schools side on Sunday last was a bit weak in bowling. The day was an abominable one, bitterly cold and raining at intervals but the youngsters did not seem to object. I did not see their bowling but I am told that it was uncommonly good until the League batsmen started hitting it. This, of course, is to be expected, and it is a fault which will be cured by experience. Some of the batting I saw was very interesting. The boys on the whole played very orthodox and correct strokes, but, of course, lack power and scoring sense. Anderson was sound and R. Lee quite good on the off. But they are arriving at the most difficult

period of all where they have to pass from the stage of being sound defensive batsmen to that of being sound offensive batsmen. In Club cricket you will find dozens of bats who look excellent so long as they do not attempt to score from anything but the worst of balls. But once they begin to try and get runs, it's a very different story and they get out at once. Mr. Youngs has done wonders with his boys, but I don't think he can go further. For one thing he is a left-hander. For another it is a difficult job even for a first class cricket coach. There are very few men here competent to do the work. Pearce, Hancock and Hayward occur to me, and perhaps a few more—but not many.

**The Question of Good Coaching.**

I frankly confess that I do not see how the matter is to be dealt with. But I am convinced that it would be greatly for the good of Hong Kong cricket in the future, if some arrangement could be devised whereby selected boys in their last year or so at school could get some really good coaching. I trust I am not seeming to be ungenerous to Mr. Youngs; for the work he has done and will do is simply invaluable. It represents the preparing of the subject matter. What I am after is the final polishing. There is excellent material in Anderson, Tsui Wai Pui, R. Lee, and perhaps the younger Zimmern. But they have a lot to learn yet, and they don't get taught they will become mediocre League bats. If they do, they might well develop into good Interceptors. The case of Fincher is a good example. He lacked tuition almost entirely and he has had a desperate struggle to make good as an Interceptor man. He has done it by patience. But he has been really well coached between the ages of 15 and 17 years he would have been a far superior bat. It is bats of the Bruce and Hayward type that we want to produce.

I am not, however, pessimistic. The very fact that the matches are being played show the progress that has been made. And I feel sure that the matter will be dealt with satisfactorily in the future.

**To-morrow Cricket.**

The games to-morrow will be few. I rather fancy, as the off day of the Races rather upsets the whole of the Happy Valley grounds. I.R.C. "B" were to play the Navy. I have heard a rumour it is off, but I am not speaking authoritatively on the point.

## QUEEN'S COLLEGE BOYS' DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL.

Played on the Indian Recreation Club ground on Wednesday afternoon.

**Scores:**

**Diocesan Boys' School.**

D. J. N. Anderson, retired, 112  
W. H. Kwan, 5 A. K. Ismail 2  
E. R. Zimmern, c. Rumjahn, 21  
R. Lee, b. A. K. Ismail 0  
G. Lee, c. Salleh, b. Fletcher 1  
F. C. Lee, c. Salleh, b. Fletcher 0  
L. C. Lau, c. Esmail, b. Suffad 3  
A. Prata, b. Rumjahn 0  
P. P. Fong, b. Rumjahn 25  
F. Shirazee, not out 5  
H. Jackson, b. Esmail 5  
Extras 16

**Bowling Analysis.**

Ismail 14 3 42 3  
Suffad 14 0 29 1  
Rumjahn 13 1 41 2  
Fletcher 6 1 38 2  
Kew 1 0 10 0  
Esmail 2 0 14 1

**Queen's College.**

A. K. Ismail, b. Lee 18  
A. Hunt, b. Anderson 18  
J. C. Fletcher, b. Fong, b. Anderson 1  
A. M. Rumjahn, run out 0  
A. R. Suffad, b. Lee 23  
D. Hunt, c. Lee, b. Anderson 2  
H. Hunt, b. Anderson 1  
H. G. Keir, c. Anderson, b. Lee 0  
A. R. H. Esmail, b. Anderson 6  
M. Salleh, b. Lee 2  
S. Ismail, not out 7  
Extras 7

**Total 78**

**Bowling Analysis.**

O. M. R. W.  
R. Lee 10.1 5 17 4  
W. H. Kwan 6 1 20 0  
Anderson 10 5 19 5  
Zimmern 2 0 15 0

## K.C.C. v. H.K.C.C.

**A Win For Kowloon.**

Playing at home on Wednesday, the Kowloon Cricket Club beat the Hong Kong Cricket Club with ease. The home team, which batted first, scored 227 for the loss of five wickets, before declaring both Bruce and Fincher obtaining centuries. The former retired with his score at 103, and Fincher was not out at 102. The Hong Kong Cricket Club team were all dismissed for 123 runs, the highest scorer being Batger, 48 runs.

## RECREIO v. HONG KONG UNIVERSITY.

This game takes place to-morrow at 2 p.m.

Recreio:—H. A. Alves (captain), H. M. Xavier, D. P. Xavier, M. F. Finna, R. C. Reed, E. de Souza, D. E. Lopes, L. J. Gutierrez, H. A. Barros, C. M. Sousa and F. H. Calvarho.

## LAWN TENNIS.

## CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE COLONY.

## THE DRAW.

[By HOLLYWOOD.]

The draw for the Open Singles and Open Doubles Championships of the Colony has been made and is given below. Since the closing of the entries early this month, the draw has been awaited with great interest and the results suggest some keen struggles in both events.

## Open Singles.

## First Quarter.

Lieut. Comdr. Agnew, bye v. A. H. Crook, bye.

I. M. A. Razack, bye v. H. Yoshima, bye.

S. E. Green, bye v. Dr. D. J. Valentine, bye.

S. S. Hussain, bye v. E. C. Fincher, bye.

## Second Quarter.

V. M. Tregear, bye v. Chong Tuck Wing, bye.

T. Honda v. J. A. Cassumbhoy.

K. T. San v. T. Ema.

T. Isomura v. T. Yamada.

T. Fujieda v. J. Hall.

R. P. Lonsdale v. Y. Sajika.

N. Inagaki v. H. D. Ramjahn.

## Third Quarter.

E. W. Raiton v. Ho Ka Lau.

F. J. Remedios v. Lim Peng Chin.

Ng Sze Cheung v. A. D. Humphreys.

Rev. P. W. Alexander v. H. R. Trumper.

Cheng Chi Wing v. Ng Sze Kwong.

Luk Ding Cheung v. T. Akiyama.

J. M. da Silva, bye v. E. D. Lawrence, bye.

## Fourth Quarter.

S. A. Hussain, bye v. S. A. Rumjahn, bye.

D. S. Green, bye v. Yew Man Kit, bye.

A. Trambitzky, bye v. Very Rev. A. Swann, bye.

Major C. Willson v. Major W. B. Stevenson.

## Open Doubles.

## First Quarter.

G. C. Grove and A. H. Crook, bye v. H. D. Ramjahn and S. A. Rumjahn, bye.

S. E. Green and D. S. Green, bye v. S. Fukushima and T. Fujieda, bye.

Ho Wai Hing and Chan So, bye v. G. F. H. Richards and Lieut. Waters, bye.

W. A. Nowers and E. D. Lawrence, bye v. T. Honda and T. Akiyama, bye.

## Second Round.

Lieut. J. Hale and Lieut. Comdr. North, bye v. F. J. Remedios and J. Silva, bye.

Y. Sajika and T. Isomura, bye v. R. M. Henderson and A. Brearley, bye.

Lim Peng Chin and A. A. Rumjahn, bye v. Major W. B. Stevenson and Major R. H. Lucas, bye.

A. D. Humphreys and C. P. E. James, bye v. winners of the following tie:—

T. Ema and N. Inagaki v. I. M. A. Razack and J. A. Cassumbhoy.

## Third Round.

Ho Ka Lau and Yew Man Kit, bye v. Ng Sze Kwong and Ng Sze Cheung.

Luk Ding Cheung and Luk King Cheung, bye v. Lee Wai Tai and Lee Woon Tsoi, bye.

Surp. Lieut. Comdr. Hurst and Dr. J. R. Craig, bye v. T. Fujieda and Y. Hachiuma, bye.

Dr. I. Newton and Dr. D. J. Valentine, bye v. E. de Souza and A. V. Remedios.

## Fourth Quarter.

V. M. Tregear and J. B. Kealy, bye v. S. A. Hussain and S. S. Hussain, bye.

Major C. Willson and C. H. Bradley, bye v. E. H. B. Hancock and Dr. R. E. Tottenham, bye.

K. T. San and Chong Tuck Wing, bye v. T. Yamada and H. Yoshida, bye.

E. W. Raiton and A. Trambitzky, bye v. E. C. Fincher and E. F. Fincher, bye.

## THE DAVIS CUP.

## MR. NG SZE KWONG TO CAPTAIN CHINA'S TEAM.

The China National Amateur Athletic Federation has announced the appointment of Mr. Ng Sze Kwong to be Davis Cup captain, and Mr. W. Lock Wei to be manager. The team includes Mr. S. G. Lum, junior champion of Australia, and Mr. Koo Hooi Hye, Malay States champion.

Provided that two of the three players chosen will be able to make the trip, the team to represent China will be selected from amongst the Chinese students abroad.

## THE LEAGUE AND THE CUP.

## F.A. AND SCOTTISH CUP MATCHES.

## AN INTERESTING PROGRAMME TO-MORROW.

There is an interesting programme of football at Home to-morrow (Saturday). There will be both League matches and Cup ties to be decided.

## THE PROSPECTS.

Chief interest will, of course, centre around the English F.A. Cup and the Scottish Cup. In the former competition the fifth round is being played, while in the latter there is the third round. In each competition eight matches are down for decision.

As a consequence of the F.A. Cup matches there will be only three matches in Division I of the English League. In Division II there only remains seven matches to be played.

Division III (Southern) and Northern Sections) has a full programme. Out of the eight matches in the F.A. Cup five are between First Division clubs. Arsenal, the runners-up in the competition last year, are at home to Aston Villa.

Both teams are good cup fighters, but the Arsenal, one of the two London Clubs left in the competition, will go all out to make another bid for the coveted trophy.

The other London club is the Spurs, and they are away to Leicester who are at the top of the League, or nearly so, and the Spurs are also fairly well placed.

There will be a local Derby at Sheffield, where the United play the Wednesday. The latter, after the bottom of the table, and may get defeated. Cardiff City, who are the holders of the Cup, and are well placed also in the League, are away from home, but should have no difficulty in accounting for Notts Forest, a second Division team. Blackburn, another First Division team are at home to Port Vale, a Second Division club.

Manchester City and Stoke will be the only two Second Division teams opposing each other, with the advantage to the former. An interesting match will be that between Huddersfield and Middlesbrough, both First Division clubs.

The sixth round of the F.A. Cup will be played on Saturday, March 3rd the semi-finals on March 24th, and the final on April 21st.

There will be no matches in the Scottish League (Division I) in view of the Scottish Cup matches. The fourth round in this competition will also be played on March 3rd, the semi-finals on March 24th, and the final on April 14th.

The draws in the Cup competitions and the fixtures for the League are given below.

## THE F.A. CUP.

## THE FIFTH ROUND MATCHES.

The matches to be played in the fifth round of the F.A. Cup are as under:—

Manchester United v. Birmingham.

Sheffield Wednesday v. Sheffield United.

Arsenal v. Aston Villa.

Leicester v. Spurs.

Manchester City v. Stoke.

Huddersfield v. Middlesbrough.

Blackburn v. Port Vale.

Notts Forest v. Cardiff.

## THE SCOTTISH CUP.

## THE THIRD ROUND.

Matches to be played in the third round of the Scottish Cup are as under:—

Celtic v. Alloa.

St. Mirren v. Partick.

Hibernian v. Dunfermline.

Albion v. Airdrie.

King's Park v. Rangers.

Kilmarnock v. Queen's Park.

Hearts v. Motherwell.

## Division I.

Burnley v. West Ham U.

Bury v. Derby County.

Newcastle U. v. Bolton W.

## Division II.

Bristol City v. Clapton O.

Fulham v. South Shields.

Notts County v. Reading.

Oldham A. v. Reading.

Southam A. v. Grimsby Town.

Southampton v. Blackpool.

Swansea Town v. Leeds U.

W. Brom A. v. Whampton W.

## Division III (Southern).

Coventry C. v. Gillingham.

Crystal P. v. Luton Town.

Exeter City v. Brentford.

Millwall v. Charlton A.

Newport C. v. Walsall.

Northampton v. Southend U.

Norwich C. v. Brighton and H.A.

Queen's P. v. Plymouth A.

Swindon T. v. Merton T.

Torquay U. v. Bournemouth B.A.

Watford v. Bristol Rovers.

## Division III (Northern).

Accrington 2 v. Halifax T.

Barnsley v. Barrow.

Chesterfield v. Nelson.

Doncaster R. v. Ashington.

Durham C. v. Rotherham U.

Hartlepool U. v. Bradford C.

Lincoln C. v. New Brighton.

Southport v. Darlington.

Tranmere R. v. Blackpool C.

Wigan Boro v. Crewe A.

Wrexham v. Rochdale.

## HOME FOOTBALL RESULTS.

## MORE LEAGUE MATCHES PLAYED.

## THE CORRECTED LEAGUE TABLES.

There have been several matches in the Home Football League during this week, and consequent alterations in the League Tables. Below will be found the latest League results, as compiled by Reuters, and also the amended League tables to date.

Six matches were played at Home on Wednesday, these being, one in Division I., one in Division II., one in Division III. (Southern), two in Division III. (Northern) and one in the Scottish League.

It is interesting to note that in four instances the matches were won by teams playing away from their own ground.

The results of the matches played follow:—

## ENGLISH LEAGUE.

## Division I.

Derby 2, Liverpool 3.

## Division II.

Reading 3, Bristol City 2.

## Division III (Southern).

Southend U. 1, Exeter City 2.

## Division III (Northern).

Accrington 2, Tranmere R. 3.

New Brighton 0, Southport 1.

## SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

## Division I.

Motherwell 6, Raith R. 0.

## LEAGUE TABLES.

The English League Tables and Scottish League Table (Division I.), up to and including matches completed during this week, are appended:

## DIVISION I.

P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.

Everton 28 14 7 7 33 48 35

Huddersfield 27 15 4 8 37 47 34

Leicester 29 13 7 9 38 51 33

Bolton 27 13 5 9 37 42 31

Cardiff 27 11 8 8 48 46 30

Burnley 29 14 2 13 60 67 30

Newcastle 31 17 10 57 54 29

Tottenham 29 12 5 11 59 59 29

Blackburn 28 10 9 40 49 29

Liverpool 28 10 8 10 41 34 28

Sunderland 26 10 7 9 48 47 27

Arsenal 26 10 7 9 35 56 27

Aston Villa 28 11 5 12 53 52 27

West Ham 27 11 4 12 58 62 26

Middlesbrough 25 9 11 50 61 26

Bury 28 12 2 14 47 32 25

Manch. U. 27 10 5 12 47 32 25

Derby 26 9 7 12 68 67 25

Sheffield U. 25 8 7 12 50 60 25

Birmingham 27 8 13 43 68 23

Portsmouth 27 8 13 43 68 23

Wednesday 27 3 9 10 40 60 19

## DIVISION II.

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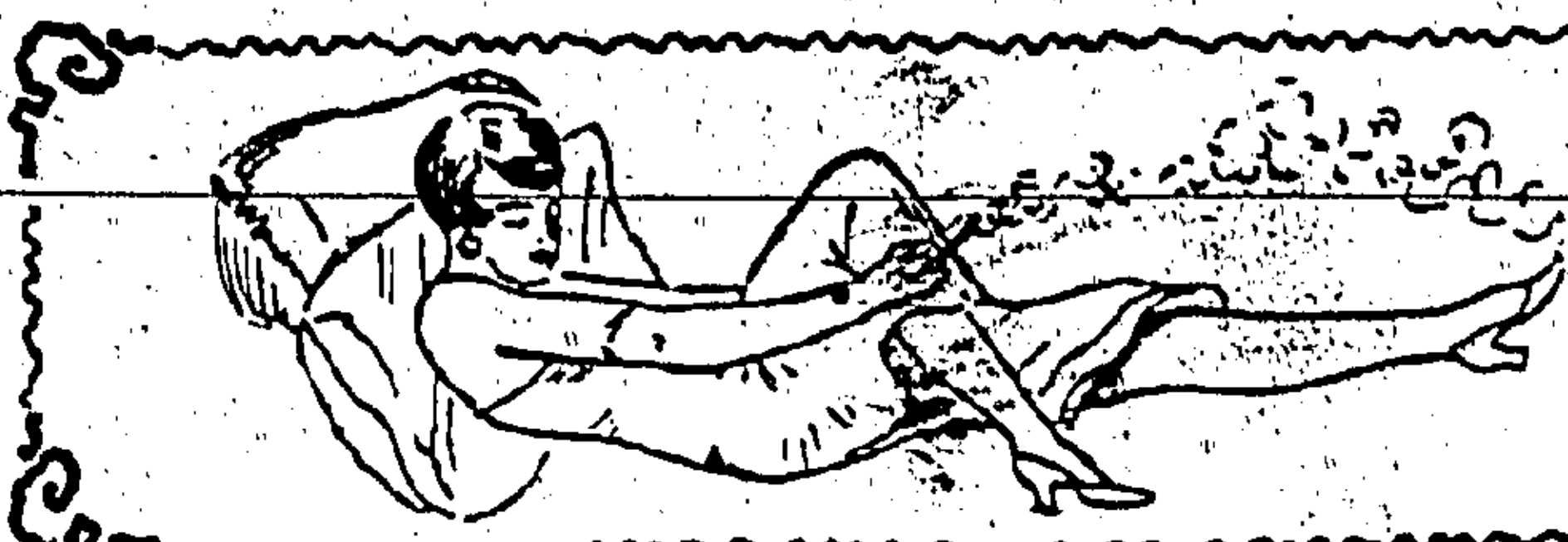
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## WOMAN'S PAGE

LET US TALK ABOUT MAKE-UP.

[BY A FRENCH WOMAN.]

Since women were created, they have always tried to look more beautiful even when Nature has been kind. The girl of 12,000 years ago used to make-up her dear little face as her sisters of following ages. I cannot condemn them. I do the same, for it is but human to try to be at one's best physically as well as morally.

### Just Common Sense.

If you admit with me that clothes are not worn only for the sake of modesty and health, and that women, and even men, have a real but innocent pleasure to be well dressed, then why not admit that it is not vain to improve the beauty of the face, when all through the ages humanity has loved and praised beauty.

Some women make-up badly. They are not careful enough; they put on too much of it; but you find the same exaggeration in clothing, and it is only a proof of bad taste.

Make-up is good when it is done *dans une juste mesure*, when it corrects little defects, when it improves a pale complexion, when it gives a brighter look, when it makes a pretty face prettier.

movement close to the eyes and towards the temples. Never go further down the line of the mouth. Then comes the turn of powdering. Keep in mind that you must get a powder exactly in the tone of your complexion. However, do not have it too ochre: it would darken your skin after a while. A very good quality of powder is necessary, but can be purchased at reasonable cost, between 2s. and 3s. a box. The lips are to be done after this. Take again the lipstick and follow as well as possible the outlines of the mouth. Avoid putting red right into the corners: it would enlarge it.

### And So Good-bye.

The only thing to do now is to darken the eyelashes, which must be brushed up carefully, so that the eyes may not be hurt. A good eye-black does not paste the eyelashes together, and it is wise to use a product which does not prick when eyes get wet. A box of eye-black is always sold with a little brush at about 2s. 6d. and lasts also a very long time. It is not necessary to shade the eyelids unless the eyes are too round; leave that for stage use. A town make-up has to be discreet to look correct.

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### Wait A Little, Mademoiselle.

It is, however, foolish to start to make-up as a very young girl. Great youth has a charm of innocence which is spoilt by knowledge, and a painted face of eighteen looks unpleasant and adds to the age of the owner. Later, one may have a long, sharp look into the Mirror to study with sincerity the weak points of one's face, and then use make-up as a real improvement.

The first thing to do is get a face-cream or cold-cream to protect the skin from dust and to fix the powder all right. According to the quality of your skin, choose a greasy or non-greasy cream.

For a normal skin, a soft cold-cream can be used for a little massage every morning and then wiped off with dry linen. Any beauty water is added after to fix the powder and to take away the excess of grease. A good beauty water costs about 6s. a bottle and lasts a year.

Now, we are going to choose a red for the cheeks. Do not forget that to look nice it must match the colour of the lipstick. For this reason, after different experiences, I have chosen a thick and half-greasy lipstick which I use for both purposes. It costs 3s. 4d. in a metal tube, but it is rather economical, as one needs only about three a year. This red must harmonize with skin and hair coloration. Rub some of it with the fingers' end on the cheeks with a semi-circular

At night, it is better to take everything off with a cleaning milk, and your skin will remain smooth and fresh.

A word more: *il vous plait*. Time flies quickly, and when youth is entirely gone, it is wiser to use less make-up, and too much of it only underlines wrinkles instead of hiding them. Old age has a charm of its own when it does not pretend to be still young, but until this time comes for us I believe that we may enjoy a little make-up *sans faire de mal à personne*.

ROUND THE SHOPS.

BARGAINS AND SALES.

My wanderings about the town this week have shown the inevitable after-effects of the visit of the two round-the-world liners. A certain disappointment was felt that these visitors did not sow the rich harvest that was expected of them. This, like the proverbial ill wind, is all to the good for local purchasers. Extra stocks laid in for the tourists are already being offered at lower prices for business cannot stand still.

In Pohoomull's I found a really wonderful collection of shawls all in a very fine stitch. Most of them have birds or figures embroidered on them in addition to flower sprays in colourings designed for western taste.

The Pioneer Silk Store has a large consignment of Liberty Silks and pearl crepe in all colours.

Spring hats form the most important item in the European shops. Lane, Crawford's have some charming silk Manila straws, which are light and very good in line. Pamela and the Sign of the Lantern also have new hats, some with quite large brims of fine fancy or Bangkok straws.

In the latter shop, by the way, there is to be a sale, with 35 per cent. reduction, of winter frocks and hats, all of them suitable for the cooler days of which we are sure to have more than enough during the next two months.

Pamela has some most exciting little jumper suits in fine reps and *crêpe de chine* which have all the *chic* and are a little more dressy than the winter variety.

Madame Sarrault is having a most generous sale of smart afternoon gowns, of silk, georgette, chiffon, etc., all offered for about 30 dollars. Unfortunately, space does not allow a detailed description, but you should certainly find there just that extra little frock which makes so great a difference to a between-seasons wardrobe, at a cost which you will hardly miss.

### "FINNAN-HADDIE."

A SCOTTISH HOUSEWIFE'S RECIPES.

These are recipes of a Scottish housewife who holds that the best "finnan haddie" come from Aberdeen. Though a little more expensive, she thinks, they are well worth the difference.

A luncheon dish that is always popular is made by steaming the fish and then removing all the flesh from the bones and skin. Make a very good white sauce, add the fish to it, season with a little paprika, and serve at once on buttered toast. This mixture, too, makes a savoury most popular with the men-folk. In this case it should be served on fingers of buttered toast with rolls of fried bacon—and there should be a plentiful supply.

GRILLED.—Place small piece of butter and a dust of paprika on the haddie and grill it. Serve with fried bacon, poached eggs, or maitre d'hôtel butter.

BAKED.—Cut the fish into convenient pieces and place these in a buttered dish. Cover with milk and season with paprika, add a little more butter and cook slowly in the oven. Serve in a same dish.

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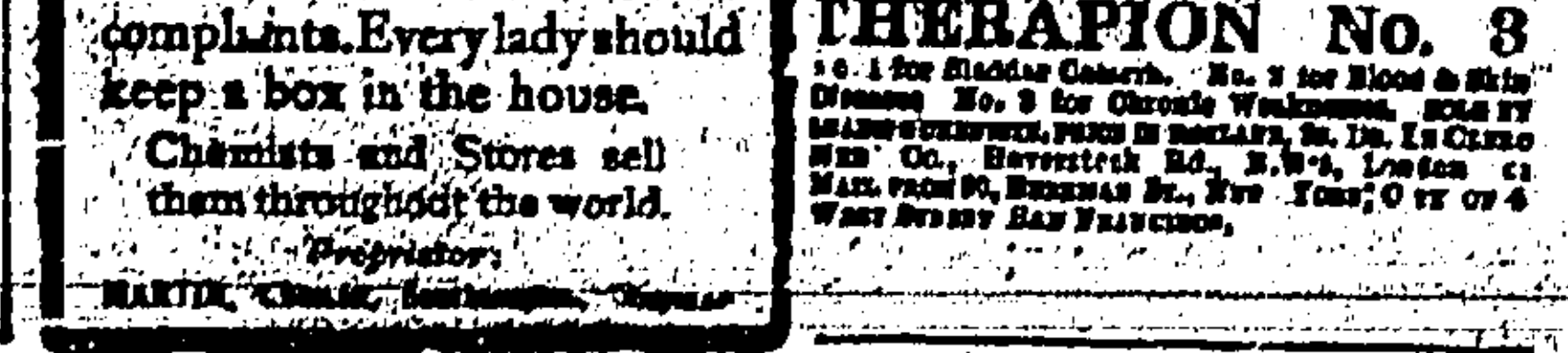
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Underwriter.

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Hong Kong, 10th Feb. 1928. 15876

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SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"NANNING"	On 17th Feb.	2 p.m.
SHANGHAI & DALNY	"YUNNAN"	On 18th Feb.	7 a.m.
HONGKONG, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"CHENAN"	On 18th Feb.	Noon
SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SHANTUNG"	On 19th Feb.	7 a.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"ANHUI"	On 19th Feb.	7 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KAYING"	On 19th Feb.	Noon
AMOI, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SUICHANG"	On 20th Feb.	6 p.m.
WUHAIR, CHIOU & TIENTSIN	"KUEICHOW"	On 21st Feb.	4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	"HUPEH"	On 22nd Feb.	4 p.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI, WUHAIR, CHIOU & TIENTSIN	"SHANXI"	On 23rd Feb.	8 a.m.
SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SINKIANG"	On 25th Feb.	7 a.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"ANKING"	On 26th Feb.	7 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & DALNY	"LUCHOW"	On 28th Feb.	10 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KALGAN"	On 29th Feb.	Noon
AMOI, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SICHOWAN"	On 31st Feb.	8 p.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"ANTUNG"	On 4th Mar.	7 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KWANGCHOW"	On 4th Mar.	Noon

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S.S. "CITY OF KIMBERLEY"	Via Suez Canal	20th February
S.S. "LYON"	Via Suez Canal	20th March
S.S. "CITY OF ADELAIDE"	Via Suez Canal	23rd March
S.S. "BRESUS"	Via Suez Canal	6th April
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## Shipping News Arrivals and Departures, etc.

### ARRIVALS.

**February 15th.**  
*Shima Maru*, Japanese str., 1,150 tons, Capt. K. Hirasawa, from Bangkok and Kohsichang. The latter port she left on February 4th, with general cargo, lying at buoy No. C18—Ngow Hock & Co.

**February 16th.**  
*Acacia*, British str., 6,250 tons, Capt. Wm. K. Wallace, from Liverpool via Port Said and Straits. The first mentioned port she left on January 7th, with a general cargo, lying at Holt's Wharf.—B. & S.

*Chenau*, British str., 1,355 tons, Capt. J. D. Fraser, from Canton, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B23.—B. & S.

*Chusan*, British str., 1,335 tons, Capt. R. Kettlewell, from Canton, lying at Taikoo Dock.—B. & S.

*Coblenz*, German str., 8,250 tons, Capt. W. Reher, from Bremen, which port she left on December 8th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—Melchers & Co.

*Prominent*, Norwegian str., 1,377 tons, Capt. C. W. Engestrøten, from Saigon, which port she left on February 10th, with a cargo of rice, lying at buoy No. C44.—No Fat Shing.

*Smit*, Norwegian str., 1,354 tons, Capt. P. J. Stølen, from Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C41.—Lee Fat Co.

*Hanga Maru*, Japanese str., 4,983 tons, Capt. M. Matsuda, from Melbourne and Manila. The latter port she left on Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

*Tamania Maru*, Japanese str., 1,517 tons, Capt. W. Yano, from Moji, which port she left on February 11th, with 2,321 tons of general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

### CLEARANCES.

**February 16th.**  
*Chan Hing*, for Saigon.  
*Coblenz*, for Saigon.  
*Dorry*, for Swatow.  
*Fook Sang*, for Amoy.  
*Hydrangon*, for Swatow.  
*Lampoon*, for Miri.  
*Nishiki Maru*, for Bangkok.  
*Ning Hai*, for Shanghai.  
*Shia Hing*, for Macao.  
*Shunchei*, for Saigon.  
*Sui Yang*, for Canton.  
*Taihybin*, for Milke.  
*Tungu Maru*, for Nagasaki.

### PASSENGERS.

**Arrivals.**  
 Per s.s. *Acacia*, from United Kingdom via Singapore and Marseilles, on February 16th:—Mr. G. Marton, Mr. Marcus, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Parker, Mr. N. L. H. Bailton, Mr. C. G. Shackleton, Mr. N. J. Macleod, Mr. P. Airey, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Cumine, Mr. Somers H. Ellis, Mrs. J. Fraser-Bankin and infant, Mr. A. E. Ford, Mr. W. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. G. Johnson, Master L. E. H. Johnson, Mr. Q. B. Johnson, Mr. Q. R. Jones, Mrs. R. J. McNicol and infant, Mr. J. L. Robinson, Mr. W. B. M. Stevens, Miss D. Thrift, and Mrs. E. A. Wright.

### SHIPPING NOTES.

"FATSHAN" RESUMING CANTON RUN.  
**PHENOMENAL TIDES.**

The s.s. *Fatshan* (Capt. Mitchell) which is employed on the Hong Kong-Canton run, with the *Tai-shan*, *Fatshan* and *Kinshan*, left dock yesterday afternoon, late and berthed at the Hong Kong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company's Wharf (opposite the Wing On Store).

The *Fatshan* has been in dock for several weeks now undergoing annual overhaul and refit. This has been a longer process than it was for the other steamers on the run, which took about a fortnight each.

The *Fatshan* resumes her run this morning, sailing at eight o'clock for Canton, the *Kinshan* coming down in the afternoon, and proceeding up the next morning. The night run will be maintained by the *Tai-shan* and *Lungshan*. The *Tai-shan* came down last night from Canton, and leaves again to-night, while the *Lungshan* went up to Canton last night.

**Phenomenal Tides.**  
 The *Lungshan* was late in leaving Canton yesterday morning, and did not arrive here until 3.30 p.m. It appears that owing to phenomenal tides, the steamer was unable to leave Canton at 8 a.m., her usual hour, but had to wait until 5.30 a.m. for rising water.

**Laid Up.**  
 The s.s. *Wing On*, a steamer on the Hong Kong-Kowloon run, went to S. Shamsuipo yesterday afternoon for overhaul and refit.

**Propeller Lost.**  
 The master of the Blue Funnel Line s.s. *Acacia*, which arrived at port yesterday from Liverpool and Singapore, reports that on January 25th the starboard propeller was lost.

### VESSLS IN PORT.

Vessels in port yesterday at 9 a.m. were:—  
 British: *Sui Yang*, *Chenau*, *Trinia*, *Fook Sang*, *Hydrangon*, *Haining*, *Barnes*, *City of Benares*, *Phumprah*, *Sui Sang*, *Kaying*, *Nanning*, *Ninghai*, *Haida*, *Taihybin*, *Sunning*, *Lampoon*, *Han Yang*, *Hutchins*, *Kueichow*, *Cape St. Anger*, *Apney*, *Gorgutun*, *Wing Hong*, *Sunatru*, *Taikei*, *Linan*.  
 American: *West Coast*.  
 Norwegian: *Prominent*, *Sulbiken*, *Jah*, *Lindor*, *Murakci*, *Tenta*, *Corona*, *Hiram*, *Maud*, *Botnia*, *Eiger*, *Kronviken*.  
 Panama: *Panama*.  
 Swedish: *Canton*.  
 Japanese: *Tencho Maru*, *Korei Maru*, *Mike Maru*, *Taiyu Maru*, *Shima Maru*, *Tamania Maru*, *Amagisan Maru*, *Taiyu Maru*, *Kojin Maru*, *Michiyai Maru*, *Tsukuba Maru*, *Tama Maru*, *Taiyua Maru*, *Nittaga Maru*.  
 Chinese: *Confucius*, *Deewangong*, *Hsin Wah*, *Hwah Cheng*, *Ching Wan*, *Chun Hing*, *Shun Chik*, *Yuan Jeng*, *Lee On*, *Deewant*, *Hui Cheong*, *Huimant*, *Ban Fui Soom*, *Poo Tye*, *Lee Cheong*, *Gen. H. Knor*, *Man Sun*.  
 Dutch: *Cremor*, *Hankow*, *Jan*, *Otto*, *Hong Kong*.  
 Portuguese: *Kung On*, *King On*.  
 German: *Dorry*.

### THE NAVY AND POLITICS.

#### REPRESENTATION IN COMMONS A GOOD THING.

Generally speaking, naval men are not keenly interested in politics; and if it were possible to ascertain the collective opinion of officers and men with regard to the Fleet Order directing that no officer or man is to be permitted to offer himself for election to Parliament while on the active list, it would probably be found that the majority would approve of that decision. Still, bearing in mind the power which Parliament exercises over votes for the maintenance of the Fleet, and the lack of interest which was so obvious when questions affecting the fighting forces were discussed in previous days, it is clearly desirable that there should be sitting in the House of Commons a good leavening of members capable of discussing service questions.

At present there appears to be no danger of a lack of such members for as a writer in "The Navy" reminds us, the present House of Commons contains more retired officers of the Royal Navy than any other within living memory. At one time Com. Carlyon Bellairs, R.N., who is the oldest of the naval M.P.'s in respect of Parliamentary service, having been first elected for King's Lynn in 1890, was the only naval officer in the House. The present total is nine; and there are as many again who held commissioned rank in the R.N.V.R., or are still serving in that corps, to which, of course, the embargo on political activity does not apply.—*Naval and Military Record.*

### HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, February 16th.

	Previous Day	On Date	At Date
	at 2 p.m.	6 a.m.	4 p.m.
Barometer...	30.15	30.14	30.11
Thermometer...	79	77	74
Humidity...	78	86	61
Wind...			
Direction...	Calm	Calm	SW
Force...	0	0	2
Weather...	OMD	0	B
Rain...	0.00	0.00	0.00

Lowest open-air temperature, 17th: 60  
 Lowest open-air temperature, 16th: 57

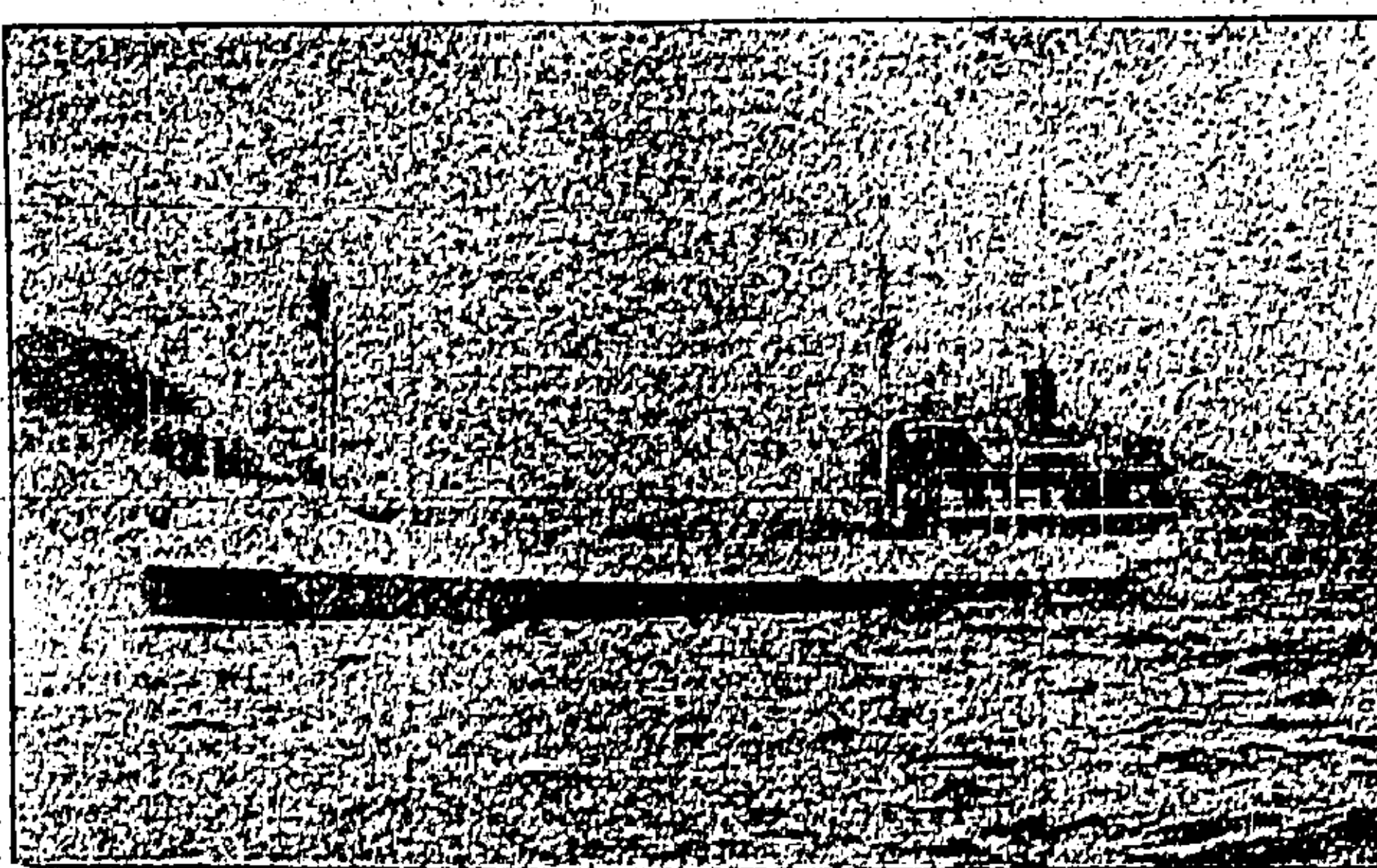
### HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From February 17th to 23rd, 1928.

Days of Week	Date	High Water		Low Water	
		Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Fri.	17	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
Sat.	18	6 40	2 9	1 34	2 0
Sun.	19	6 56	2 11	1 35	2 3
Mon.	20	7 11	2 13	1 36	2 7
Tue.	21	7 27	2 15	1 37	2 11
Wed.	22	7 43	2 17	1 38	2 15
Thur.	23	7 59	2 19	1 39	2 19

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To	STEAMSHIP	DATE
TSINGTAU via SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"YATSHING" "FOOSEHING" "KWONGSANG" "CHAKSANG"	Sun. 19th Feb. at 7 a.m. Wed. 22nd Feb. at 7 a.m. Sun. 26th Feb. at 7 a.m. Wed. 29th Feb. at 7 a.m.
Kobe via AMOI, MOJI & YOKOHAMA	"HOSANG"	Thurs. 22nd Feb. at 7 a.m.
CANTON	"KWONGSANG"	Tues. 21st Feb. at 7 a.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"KUMSANG"	Mon. 20th Feb. at 3 p.m.
SANDAKAN	"HINSANG"	Tues. 20th Feb. at 3 p.m.

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